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The Jewish Holidays

Shabbat *(Sabbath)*

Celebrated Fridays at sundown to commemorate God's day of rest after six days of creation. Traditions include lighting candles, drinking wine and eating challah (a braided bread). Havdalah, the farewell ceremony to Shabbat, takes place after three stars shine in the Saturday night sky and is celebrated by lighting a braided candle, drinking wine and smelling sweet spices.

Rosh Hashanah *(Jewish New Year)*

Festive celebration during which individuals contemplate their past, present and future actions. Traditional foods include round challah and apples with honey, symbolizing anticipated wholeness and sweetness for the new year. Commences the Ten Days of Awe, which culminate on Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur *(Day of Atonement)*

Holiest day of the Jewish year. Through fasting and prayer, Jews reflect upon their relationships with God and other people and atone for their wrongdoings. Ends with a shofar's blast at sundown.

Sukkot *(Festival of Booths)*

Commemorates the fulfillment of God's promise to bring the Israelites to the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering. Many build a sukkah (plural: sukkot), a temporary structure with a roof made of branches, modeled after the huts constructed in the desert. Also celebrated with the shaking of the lulav (assemblage of palm, willow and myrtle branches) and etrog (a lemon-like fruit).

Shemini Atzeret *(Eighth Day of Assembly)*

Celebrated the day after Sukkot and thus sometimes considered an extension of the holiday. Marks the first time tefillat geshem (prayer for rain) is recited during services, a practice that continues until Pesach.

Simchat Torah *(Rejoicing in Torah)*

Celebrates the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle. After finishing the last sentence of the book Devarim (Deuteronomy), adults and children joyously parade the Torah around the synagogue seven times. The new cycle begins immediately with a reading from Bereshit (Genesis).

Chanukah *(Festival of Lights)*

Eight-day holiday commemorating Jewish victory over the Syrians and the miracle of the rededication of the Temple, when oil meant to last for one day burned for eight. Celebrated by

lighting candles in a chanukiyah (a nine-branched candelabrum), eating latkes (potato pancakes), playing with dreidels (spinning tops) and giving gelt (money or gifts).

Tu B'Shevat *(New Year of Trees)*

Biblical in origin, a holiday with environmentalist and Zionistic themes that celebrates springtime renewal and growth. Traditions include eating fruit and planting trees.

Purim *(Feast of Lots)*

Commemorates the rescue of the Jews by Queen Esther and her righteous Uncle Mordecai from the evil Haman. When Haman is mentioned in the Megillah (scroll) of Esther, people shout and turn graggers (noisemakers) to drown out his name. Traditions include parties, mishloach manot (gift-giving) and eating hamentashen (three-cornered fruit-filled pastries). Some also fast on the day before Purim to remember the three-day fast by the Jews of Persia at Esther's request.

Pesach *(Passover)*

Celebrates the liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt. At the seder (traditional service and meal), the Haggadah (collection of texts and commentaries on the Exodus) is read and symbolic foods are eaten. Jews refrain from eating leavened products and eat matzah (unleavened bread) for eight days to remember how the hurried Israelites could not let their bread rise before fleeing.

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Sefirat HaOmer
(Counting of the Omer)

Seven-week period that begins the second night of Pesach and ends at Shavuot. Thirty-two mourning days that commemorate the deaths of Rabbi Akiva's students (see also Lag B'Omer). Traditionally, weddings, festivities and haircuts are prohibited during this time.

Yom HaShoah
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Day chosen by the Israeli Knesset, in 1951, to mourn the millions killed in the Holocaust. Often commemorated with the reading of names and speeches by survivors. In Israel, a siren's morning blast allows collective remembrance in a moment of silence.

Yom HaZikaron
(Martyr and Heroes' Memorial Day)

Day of remembrance for all who sacrificed themselves for the state of Israel. Public observances include lighting of yarzheit (memorial) candles, visiting graves and reciting psalms. In Israel, sirens blast once in the morning and again in the evening to begin Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

Yom HaAtzmaut
(Israel Independence Day)

On May 14, 1948 (Hebrew date: 5 Iyar), Israel was declared an independent state. Many Jews celebrate with parades, festivals and donations to Jewish charities.

Lag B'Omer
(Thirty-Third Day of the Counting of the Omer)

One-day suspension of the traditional mourning period during Sefirat HaOmer. On this day, a plague afflicting Rabbi Akiva's students ceased. Also commemorates Bar Kochba's recapture of Jerusalem from the Romans. Celebrated with picnics and nature outings.

Shavuot
(Festival of Weeks)

Celebrated the day after Sefirat HaOmer ends to commemorate the giving of the Torah at Sinai and the spring harvest. Traditionally, Jews read the Ten Commandments and the Book of Ruth and eat dairy products. Religious school confirmation often takes place at this time.

Fast of Tammuz
(The Seventeenth of Tammuz)

Fast from dawn until nightfall commemorating the day Moses broke the first Tablets of the Covenant because the Israelites made the Golden Calf. Also marks the beginning of the siege on Jerusalem before its destruction. Begins the "Three Weeks," a mourning period ending at Tisha B'Av.

Tisha B'Av
(The Ninth of Av)

Day of fasting and mourning commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples, both of which took place on the 9th of Av. The Book of Lamentations is read and many conduct services sitting on the floor. ■

JEWISH HOLIDAYS, 5775

All holidays begin at sunset the preceding evening

Rosh Hashanah	September 13-14
Yom Kippur	September 22
Sukkot	September 27–October 4
Shemini Atzeret	October 4
Simchat Torah	October 5
Chanukah	December 6–14
Tu B'Shevat	January 25
Purim	March 23
Passover	April 22–30
Yom HaShoah	May 4
Yom HaZikaron	May 11
Yom HaAtzmaut	May 12
Lag B'Omer	May 26
Yom Yerushalayim	May 17
Shavuot	June 11–12
Tisha B'Av	August 13

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- To provide the Jewish community of Washtenaw County with a quality newspaper that will present news of Jewish interest with a priority on local news.
- To offer commentary, interpretation and authentic background on events of the day, as a means of stimulating the concern and response vital to the fulfillment of our responsibilities as members of the Jewish community.
- To enrich the life of both individuals and the community through the presentation of features, articles, reviews and other material of Jewish content and interest.
- To provide a forum for comment by members of the community wishing to express their viewpoints on matters of Jewish interest.

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At the center of a wonderfully diverse and welcoming Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor celebrates and strengthens Jewish life at home, in Israel, and around the world.

Federation sponsors a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and scholarship programs throughout the year, including seminars and lectures, trips to Israel and community celebrations. Federation's fall "Main Event" brings together hundreds of community members to share an evening of community education and fellowship, and is a highlight of its annual campaign in support of Ann Arbor's vibrant Jewish communal life. In the spring, Celebrate Israel is a festive celebration of Israel Independence Day.

The 2015 annual campaign raised over $1.5 million from 1,300 donor families; in addition to supporting local Jewish agencies and overseas partners (see allocations sidebar), the Federation supports projects in Israel and around the world that reflect the unique progressive character of Ann Arbor. The Federation is an active participant in the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership 2Gether

Jewish Federation Of Greater Ann Arbor 2015 Allocations

Local Allocations

Ann Arbor Eruv	$500
Chabad of Ann Arbor	$7,600
Federation Emergency Cash Assistance Fund	$8,000
Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor	$104,700
Hillel at Eastern Michigan University	$10,000
Hillel at University of Michigan	$5,500
Jewish Community Center	$176,897
Jewish Community Foundation	$53,062
Jewish Community Impact Fund	$33,000
Jewish Educators Council	$7,000
Jewish Family Services	$115,175
Jewish Federation Operational Budget	$479,697
Jewish Summer Camp Scholarships	$6,000
Keshet Ann Arbor	$12,500
Michigan-Israel Business Bridge	$7,000
Reserve for Uncollectable Pledges	$30,000
Designated Gift	
Jewish Community Center of Gr Ann Arbor	$50,000
Total Local Allocations	**$1,106,631**

National Allocations

Jewish Council on Public Affairs	$1,500
Jewish Federations of North America	$52,000
Religious Pluralism	$5,000
Task Force on Arab/Israeli Issues	$1,000

Overseas Allocations

Birthright Israel	$5,000
Central Galilee Hike and Bike Trail	$2,000
Hand in Hand Schools	$5,000
JDC Relief in the FSU	$30,000
JDC Relief Supplement for the Ukraine	$5,000
JFNA Collective (JAFI, JDC, ORT)	$154,500
Leket-Israel	$3,700
Net@	$10,000
Partnership2Gether—General	$11,000
Partnership2Gether—Comm. to Comm.	$25,340
Partnership2Gether—Israel Partners	$13,300
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project, anchored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Detroit. Since 2007, Ann Arbor has had a special relationship with Moshav Nahalal, involving numerous programs and visits aimed at strengthening the Jewish identity and connectedness of both communities.

The strength of the Federation comes from its many volunteers and active participants in the annual campaign, community programs, affinity groups and committees. Federation groups such as the Jewish Young Professionals, Maimonides Society, Cardozo Society, Jewish Women Doing Stuff, Salon, Family Salon and Women's Philanthropy aim to reach all Ann Arbor area residents no matter their life stage or interest area. The Federation welcomes inquiries from new and existing community members who are interested in exploring ways to be involved or simply to learn more about Jewish life in Washtenaw County.

JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER ANN ARBOR

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The Jewish Community Foundation is operated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and exists to ensure that the high quality of Jewish life will continue in Washtenaw County for future generations. The Foundation serves as custodian for many of the endowment funds of area Jewish agencies and congregations assisting them to fulfill their future needs and dreams. Beth Israel Congregation, Chabad House, Hebrew Day School, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services and Temple Beth Emeth all partner with the Jewish Community Foundation to secure the financial future of the Jewish community.

The Foundation's board of directors is empowered to receive gifts and bequests of cash, stocks and property from individuals, corporations and other entities. The Foundation can help donors fulfill their philanthropic goals while addressing their estate planning and tax needs, through the creation of donor-advised funds, permanent restricted and unrestricted endowment funds, charitable trusts and gift annuities. The Jewish Community Foundation enables donors to assure that the institutions and programs in the community that they value will be available in perpetuity while leaving their own personal legacy in the community.

Contact the director of the Foundation or the executive directors of any of the partner organizations to consult confidentially about planned giving opportunities.

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As an agency in Washtenaw County that serves a diverse, international population, the mission of Jewish Family Services (JFS) is to create solutions, promote dignity and inspire humanity. JFS provides programs and services that support the entire community in congruence with the Jewish value of *tikkun* olam, or repairing the world. JFS' Case Management/ Services Coordination, Outpatient Mental Health Treatment (Counseling) and Employment Services programs are accredited by CARF International.

OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, information, and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers offer friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors. Through its Partners in Care Concierge (PiCC) medical appointment accompaniment program, staff accompany older adults to their medical appointments in order to listen, facilitate productive communication and return with a written report for accurate follow up by the client or caregiver

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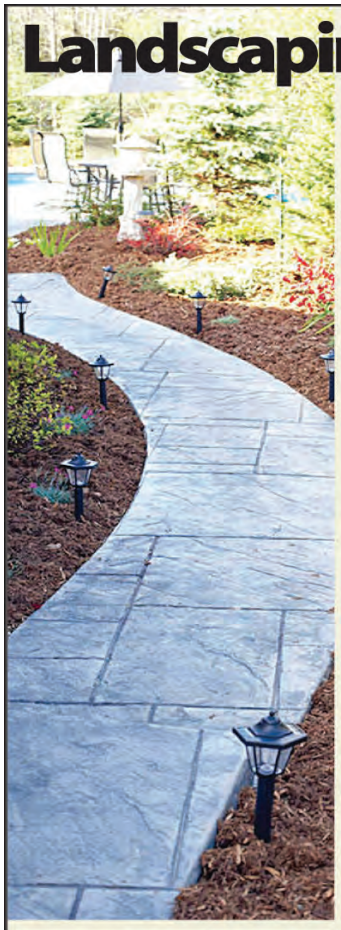

CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES

The JFS Older Adult Services Coordinator assists local and long distance caregivers in managing the care of their older parents or loved ones. This program provides support through an extensive menu of services including information and referrals, facilitated introductions to facilities and service providers, Caregiver Consultations, monthly Caregiver Conversations support groups, educational workshops, and more.

NEW AMERICAN PROGRAM

The New American Community Club assists foreign-born older adults in accessing social and medical services, offers support, and promotes the process of acculturation and integration into the larger community though a wide range of direct services and programs.

COUNSELING

JFS provides counseling services in a safe, confidential and supportive environment. Skilled and compassionate licensed social workers offer support, guidance and solutions for a wide range of issues

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

JFS assists community members with crisis management, including information and referral to community resources, a food

pantry with kosher and Halal and gluten-free items as well as food for other specialized diets, clothing, furniture, financial and other types of emergency assistance.

JEWISH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

JFS offers a variety of culturally sensitive educational programs and events to strengthen individuals, families and the community. Education, information and support is provided, not only on universal family issues but also with the goal of supporting Jewish values and traditions and promoting common Jewish interests and socialization.

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES

JFS provides individualized services and guidance to job seekers in order to alleviate barriers to long-term, sustainable employment. The program offers a wide range of specialized services for non-English speakers in this county participating in the PATH (Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope.) program. JFS Employment Services are accredited by CARF International.

RESETTLEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

JFS provides a range of resettlement services for refugees and immigrants, such as help establishing housing, preparing for citizenship, learning English, seeking employment, securing government documents, and adapting to American culture and life.

TRANSPORTATION

The JFS CareVan Program enables older or disabled adults and other residents to maintain their independence by providing rides within the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area to medical appointments, errands, and community events. A van with a wheelchair lift is available. Riders must be JFS clients and make reservations one week in advance

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

JFS is able to provide services to those in need because of the assistance of many wonderful volunteers. Unique and fulfilling volunteer opportunities are tailored to meet diverse preferences, skills and schedules.

There are many ways to help: be a friendly visitor, accompany seniors in the PiCC program to their medical appointments. English as a Second Language tutors or conversational partners help teach immigrants and refugees. You may also provide administrative assistance in the office, join a committee or assist at an event. New opportunities for families and youth are also available.

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The Amster Center's main objective is to enhance economic stability for JFS, for the benefit of JFS clients and the community at large. To that end, the Center has enhanced opportunities for earned revenue (corporate training, counseling, transportation) for JFS by building upon existing expertise, thereby reducing JFS' dependence on grant and foundation funding.

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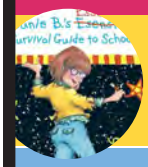

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The Jewish Community Center's (the J) mission is to enhance Jewish identity, culture, and values for the community, through a wide range of resources and excellent programming. Community wide events presented by the JCC include the popular celebration of the fall Jewish holidays, Apples and Honey, the Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival in early November, the Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival in April, and other events throughout the year.

The J serves families through its many enrichment programs as well as the Early Childhood Center, KidZone Afterschool, KidZone Enrichment, KidZone Vacation, KidZone @Night, the JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest delegation for teens, Camp Keshet, Camp Raanana, and much more.

The J provides adults with a variety of health and fitness classes, arts and culture programs including a variety of concerts, lectures, and other presentations, as well as specialty fitness classes for mobility preservation.

The J seeks to build an authentic Jewish neighborhood through its programs and collaborations, as well as by housing five community organizations: Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, Jewish Cultural Society, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, and *Washtenaw Jewish News*. The J is the premier Jewish venue in Washtenaw County and its space is available to Jewish and non-Jewish community organizations as well as individual rental for meetings, events, and celebrations.

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The JCC's Early Childhood Center (ECC) has been providing high quality early childhood care and education to the Ann Arbor community for over twenty-five years. It provides a loving and supportive child-centered environment, which

encourages creativity, spontaneity, and robust learning by integrating Jewish values and proven early childhood methodologies. Accredited by the National Association of the Education for Young children (NAEYC), the ECC is open to children ages 2 month to 5 years, with a variety of scheduling options to help meet every family's needs. The ECC is committed to maintaining excellent staff-to-child ratios and to providing its staff with professional continuing education. The ECC is also home to the summer day camp, Camp Keshet, an indoor/outdoor camp experience designed specifically for young children. The ECC uses the High Scope educational approach (www.highscope.org).

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KIDZONE AT THE JCC

KidZone is a special place at the J built just for kids in grades K–8. KidZone is designed to empower children to create, learn, and grow in a supportive and engaging environment. The KidZone space will be the primary location for KidZone Afterschool.

KidZone Afterschool provides high quality care five days per week from afterschool to 6pm. A variety of transportation options exist depending on the child's school of origin. KidZone Afterschool features a computer lab, homework support, nutritious kid-tested snacks, indoor and outdoor play, and more.

KidZone Enrichment provides classes after-school and Sundays for a variety of ages and interest, including athletics, arts, crafts, creative learning, and more.

KidZone Vacation provides activities and field trips that are both fun and educational when school is not in session, including weather related emergency school closings.

KidZone @Night is a monthly evening of fun activities that give kids a night out and parents a night off.

JCC MACCABI GAMES AND ARTS FEST

The JCC sends a delegation each year to the JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest. The JCC Maccabi Games (www.jccmaccabigames.org) is an annual, Olympic-style competition which provides teens an unprecedented opportunity to compete against their peers as well as perform community service and participate in social activities. Ann Arbor teens, ages 13–16, join the Ann Arbor JCC delegation to participate in a variety of sports or visual and performing arts at the largest gathering of Jewish teens from all over the world.

JCC SCOUTS

The JCC Scouts is a leadership and outdoor skills program designed to empower youth in grades K–8 to be self-reliant. Using six key principles paralleling the six points of the Magen David (Jewish Star),

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JCC CAMP RAANANA

J Camp Raanana is the J's outdoor summer day camp for children entering grades K–5. Camp is held primarily at the beach front Cedar Lake Outdoor Center, and integrates traditional camp activities and Jewish experiences.

Special to Camp Raanana are Wacky Wednesdays, Science Friday, and Friday afternoon all-Camp Shabbat. In addition, the Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan travels to Camp Raanana each summer to spend a day in performance for and with the campers, who also have the option of hosting scouts at their homes overnight.

Campers have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of activities such as archery, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, self-defense, arts & crafts, a variety of sports including Gaga – the Israeli version of dodge ball, and more. The optional overnights give campers a taste of tent camping, including fire building, cooking outdoors, and all the camp fire traditions. Campers will build self-confidence, Jewish identity, and develop new skills while making friends and having a blast. Sessions are generally one week.

CAMP RAANANA JUNIOR COUNSELORS AND COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CIT)

The J Camp Raanana Junior Counselor program gives middle school youth in grades 6-8 a leadership development opportunity, supervised by experienced head counselors, while still enjoying all that camp has to offer. The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program offers teens entering grades 9–12 the opportunity to learn leadership, management, group dynamics, and childcare skills. Working under the supervision of the camp director and experienced head counselors, the CIT's serve as role models for campers and assist in a variety of camp activities and camp preparations. CIT's receive special training and are paid for their time.

JCC SHALOM ANN ARBOR/ SHALOM BABY

The J assists those who are transitioning to life in Ann Arbor as well as welcoming new additions to their families. Shalom Ann Arbor welcomes families new to the area and helps them navigate the many avenues of Jewish life open to them. Newcomers receive a packet of information gathered from the many Jewish organizations and congregations in Ann Arbor. Shalom Baby welcomes new additions to any family by providing helpful parenting information, Jewish parenting and family resources, and other support.

JCC CULTURAL ARTS AND EDUCATION

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Karen Freedland, director

The JCC Cultural Arts and Education department gives people of all ages the opportunity to enrich their lives through artistic and intellectual expression. The JCC provides classes, lectures, concerts, and hands-on experiences in visual and performing arts, as well as on a variety of topics in Jewish life. The JCC also provides opportunities for life-long learning, including courses on topics of Jewish interest, current events and politics, music, film, language arts, physical fitness, and more.

JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

The J has hosted the Jewish Book Festival every fall for over 20 years. Authors from all over the world come to the JCC to speak about their work. In addition, the J hosts authors from the local Ann Arbor Jewish community for a very popular "local authors" brunch. Community members can browse and purchase books by Jewish authors or on Jewish subjects appropriate for all ages and interests, from children's books to cook books, fiction, non-fiction, memoir, humor, and more. Events are generally free and open to the public.

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The J presents the Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival at the Michigan Theater each April, bringing films from all over the world either made by Jewish filmmakers or about subjects of Jewish interest. The festival includes not only the films, but discussions led by a variety of experts as well as other events celebrating the films themselves and the craft of filmmaking.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

The JCC Film Discussion Group is led by Russell Collins, executive director of the Michigan Theater and co-host of WEMU's Cinema Chat. Discussions cover a range of topics, including plots, characters, and various cinematic elements of film.

JCC AMSTER GALLERY

The JCC hosts a variety of art exhibits by local, national, and international artists in the Amster Gallery, located along the main hallway of the JCC, and in the Newman Lounge. Often the exhibits are accompanied by special opening events and artist receptions open to the public. The art on display is generally available for purchase by the public.

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Resistance in Red: Soviet Jewish Combatants in World War II
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October 25, 6–8 pm
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U-M Museum of Art, 525 South State Street, Helmut Stern Auditorium

November 9, 8:45 am–5:45 pm
Institute Symposium: Secularization as Historical Process
Rackham Assembly Hall, 915 East Washington Street

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Kirsten Fermaglich, Frankel Institute Fellow
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The J hosts the Gelman Video Collection, a library of DVD's and VHS video tapes, including the Jewish Heritage Video Collection, provided by the generous support of Charles and Rita Gelman. Videos are available to rent from the JCC.

ACTIVE ADULTS & ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS

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Leah Zaas, director of Adult Services

The J provides active adults and active older adults with regular opportunities to engage in social, cultural, and educational programming multiple times each week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the J hosts a Lunch Series featuring musical performances, guest speakers, presentations, and discussions covering a range of topics and experiences. Lunch is available every Tuesday and Thursday at noon for a small fee.

The J chamber music series and Music with Friends features chamber groups and soloists from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra musicians on Friday and talented local artist on Sunday afternoons.

Other programs include weekly current events discussions, Yiddish Literature Circle, Theater Circle, Games Circle, health screenings, and a variety of fitness programs such as Zumba (intense), Krav Maga (intense Israeli style self-defense), Callanetics, Low-Impact Exercise, and Tai Chi. There are also many intergenerational activities hosted in conjunction with Hebrew Day School and the Early Childhood Center.

JCC HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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The J is committed to enhancing the physical and mental fitness of community members and provides many opportunities throughout the year get fit. A2 Rikud provides weekly Israeli Dancing on Thursday evenings. Fitness classes include Zumba, Krav Maga (Israeli style self-defense), yoga, martial arts, basketball, and volleyball. In addition, the J hosts classes and discussions on health and wellness topics like healthy cooking, safe driving, parenting, and collaborates with Jewish Family Services to host the popular "Issues for Aging" lecture series. The J also hosts events with Jewish Hikers.

The Ann Arbor Eruv

The eruv in Ann Arbor covers an area of approximately four square miles and includes several residential and student areas in Burns Park and Ann Arbor Hills, as well as Woodbury Gardens. The eruv also includes the Hillel Foundation Building (at which the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan meets), Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth. A detailed map of the eruv can be found at the eruv website www.aaeruv.org. Weekly updates on the eruv status are posted at the website and are also distributed to an e-mail list. To be placed on the list for eruv updates, to volunteer to help check the eruv or for other questions, send an email message to a2eruv@a2eruv.org.

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ANN ARBOR ORTHODOX MINYAN

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Rabbi Rod Glogower

The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan meets in the University of Michigan Hillel in conjunction with the Hillel student Orthodox Minyan. Services are held weekly at sundown on Fridays during the school year and between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the summer, depending on the week. Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 a.m.

The Shabbat afternoon Mincha service is held a half-hour before sunset year round, followed by Seudah Shlishit and Maariv.

Daily morning services are held in conjunction with Chabad House at 7:30 a.m., Monday–Wednesday at Hillel, and Thursday, Friday, and Sunday (at 9 a.m.) at Chabad House.

A variety of formal and informal learning opportunities are offered during the school year, including Rabbi Glogower's Tuesday evening class "Topics in Rabbinic Literature" and a short class between Shabbat Mincha and Maariv. The minyan sponsors other activities throughout the year including a welcome barbeque in the fall, Shabbat morning children's tefillah and story time, a sukkah hop, women's learning in the sukkah, a winter melave malka lecture series, a women's megillah reading, a Shavuot tikkun and Shavuot picnic.

ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION

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Clare Kinberg, event/communications coordinator and Beit Sefer director

The AARC is an open and welcoming Jewish community. Its membership is diverse and inclusive. They are Jewish and interfaith families, couples and individuals

all from a wide variety of Jewish traditions, as well as non-Jews exploring Judaism. Members have a variety of racial and ethnic heritages and sexual orientations.

Community and participation define the spirit of the congregation – as members, they all share responsibility for nourishing it. In the coming year (2015/2016) the congregation will be assisted by several rabbis, who will work with them to offer spirited musical services, and cultural and educational events. There will also be some Shabbat dinners and events in members' homes, to foster deeper conversation and connection. (The group will be conducting a search for a permanent, part-time Rabbi this year, as well.)

AARC's culture encourages an open minded approach to Judaism. A core tenet of Reconstructionism is that "the past has a vote, not a veto." AARC members actively explore and debate Jewish beliefs and practices, balancing a respect for traditional Jewish teachings with the responsibility to interpret them in the light of our contemporary values. The group is affiliated with Jewish Reconstructionist Communities.

The Jewish teaching of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) infuses their intentions and practices. It is reflected in the social and environmental action projects as well as in the mitzvah opportunities.

SHABBAT SERVICES

AARC meets formally on the second Saturday and fourth Friday each month for Shabbat services. Services are typically held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the group's home base. Communal dinners, Torah study, and informal prayer services held in members' homes supplement these Shabbat observances.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

AARC hosts creative and multigenerational holiday celebrations as well as programs for families with young children. The holiday observances are open to all community members and include ticketless services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, a weekend retreat for Sukkot, and creative celebrations for all ages for Chanukah, Purim and Passover.

BEIT SEFER (RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation's Religious School provides an innovative and engaging education for K-7th graders, focusing on Jewish values and ethics, history, diversity, prayer, and Hebrew language. Emphasizing critical inquiry and self-expression, the school uses a project-based learning approach to stimulate students' creativity and involvement in Jewish community.

Reconstructionist Jewish education is dedicated to intellectually honest inquiry combined with knowledge of tradition and commitment to the continuity of the Jewish people. The school believes this happens best in a caring, challenging, and supportive learning environment. Students are taught to actively participate in the evolution of Jewish religious culture.

Classes are held at the Jewish Community Center on Sundays mornings, 9:30–11:30 a.m., from September through May. Students learn in three multi-age classrooms. The youngest class, the Ketanim ("little ones") — K through 1st or 2nd grades — focuses on Torah stories, mitzvot, and learning the Hebrew aleph-bet (alphabet). Emphasis is also placed on creativity, joy in learning and forming friendships in community. The middle class, the Yeladim ("children") — middle-elementary school-age — will focus on Jewish time, the yearly cycle of holidays and the cycle of life rituals. The Hebrew curriculum continues using basic prayer vocabulary, poetry, song and movement to encourage a comfortable familiarity with the language. The oldest class, the Gedolim ("big ones") — upper-elementary up to bar / bat mitzvah age — centers on Jewish place: homes; communities around the world, including Israel; and houses of prayer. The students will learn about the development of Jewish civilization in diverse localities and about ethical dilemmas we face as individuals and communities. The students will continue Hebrew including mastery of prayers and beginning conversational Hebrew. Madrichim ("Guides") Program. High School students interested in helping out their younger compatriots can also serve as helpers in the Beit Sefer.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION (CONSERVATIVE)

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Established in 1916, Beth Israel has been a vital presence in the spiritual, social and educational lives of its members for over 95 years. The congregation, a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is a welcoming and warm community, which fosters a connectedness to a rich tradition, embraces innovative and creative programming, and provides an important support system for its members in times of celebration and in times of need. Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, who is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has served the congregation with

distinction for 26 years. Rabbi Kim Blumenthal, also a JTS graduate, has served the congregation since 2008.

Beth Israel offers religious services that are traditional in form, egalitarian in nature, and participatory in practice. The services feature a wonderful sense of fellowship and community. Congregants take leading roles in the conducting of all services. All are encouraged to review or learn new synagogue skills and to read from the Torah, chant the haftarah, or lead services, with instruction provided by Ritual Assistant Ron Sussman.

An egalitarian daily minyan, led by congregants is held Sunday–Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on winter Sundays.) Friday evening Shabbat services take place at 6 p.m. and Saturday morning Shabbat services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Recognizing the critical importance of Jewish learning for all ages, the congregation provides classes for children and youth, and many opportunities for adult education throughout the year.

Social and recreational activities which allow people to get to know each other better and programs emphasizing tikkun olam are an important part of congregational life. A deep relationship to Israel is fostered through teen scholarships, congregation trips, dialogue programs and the planning and hosting of a moving community-wide Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism Remembrance Day) Ceremony.

Beth Israel serves the homeless during Christmas through the Rotating Overflow Shelter program, provides volunteers to the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House for homeless families, runs a blood drive in March, and maintains a garden which supplies fresh vegetables to hunger programs. The Beth Israel Mitzvah Connection organizes volunteers for phone calls and visits to the frail elderly who are homebound, as well as meals, rides, and errands to congregants who need them.

Non-members are always invited to participate in all of Beth Israel activities.

New residents of Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur may request free tickets to the High Holiday services. Individuals and families aged 35 and under may join the congregation in their first year for a dues of $300 (plus United Synagogue dues of $37.25).

CELERATING BETH ISRAEL'S CENTENNIAL

This coming year will be punctuated by a series of exciting events focusing on the past, present and future of the congregation. It includes a museum depicting 100 years of congregational life open between February 2–9; a Centennial Shabbat and Luncheon on Saturday, April 2; a Birthday Party on Sunday, May 15; a gala celebration at the Sheraton Hotel on Sunday, June 5 (catered by Epic Catering); and a Lecture Series in the fall of 2016. Beth Israel Congregation was Ann Arbor's first Jewish congregation and for many years its only Jewish congregation. A new website (funded by a grant from the Jewish Community Impact Fund of the Federation of Greater Ann Arbor) will be launched as part of the celebration. It will focus on the Jewish history of Ann Arbor and include interviews with various members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community facilitated by the nationally known StoryCorps (often featured on NPR).

BETH ISRAEL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

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The Program Department provides high quality, experiential and informal Jewish learning opportunities for youth, adults and families.

THE BETH ISRAEL GARDEN

Each summer Beth Israel members maintain a community garden at County Farm Park where they grow flowers and vegetables donated to Food Gatherers through the "Faith and Food" program to help others in the community, and used during kiddush and for other synagogue meals.

SUMMER SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

During the summer, Beth Israel offers a variety of enjoyable Shabbat programs such as Barbecue and Barchu, a hamburger and hotdog dinner preceding a Kabbalat Shabbat service in the courtyard, a Shabbat in the Park potluck dinner a Shabbat service at County Farm Park, and a series of Backyard Shabbats for families with very young children.

QUIZ NIGHT

A highlight of the programming year is the annual Beth Israel Quiz Night, a multi-media trivia competition to be held this year on January 30. Adults of all ages compete as teams to answer trivia questions, audio and video clues, and other puzzles in a fun filled, social evening.

SHABBAT, HOLIDAY AND OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND MEALS

Beth Israel hosts a number of Shabbat and holiday events as a means of getting to know other members of the synagogue community and enhance one's celebration of Shabbat and holidays.

Holiday events include "Pizza in the Hut" on Sukkot, and "International Shul of Pancakes Breakfast" offered between the Shaharit Service and the Torah processionals on Simchat Torah. There are two Barbecue and Barchu Friday night services and dinners in

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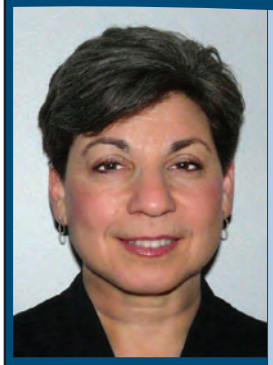

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SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Beth Israel offers Shabbat morning programs and services especially for children. Tot Shabbat meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month and features a Shabbat celebration for preschoolers with interactive stories and songs, a Torah parade, and a visit from one of the rabbis. Mini-Minyan is geared for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade and meets on the second Saturday of each month during the school year.

HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

High Holiday celebrations begin with a Family Celebration on the afternoon of Erev Rosh Hashanah. Pre-school and early elementary school-age children learn about and celebrate the High Holidays through songs, stories, the sounding of the Shofar, and a special Rosh Hashanah snack.

On the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur two hour programs for different age groups are held. .

PURIM CELEBRATION

The entire congregation gets into the act by dressing up in costumes (adults

as well as children) and participating in a themed Purim Megilla Reading on Erev Purim. Past events include Purimworld, a Charlie Brown Purim, and Live From Beth Israel, It's Saturday Night!

INTERFAITH PROGRAMS

Beth Israel is an active member of the interfaith community. Participation in community interfaith events is encouraged and often interfaith educational gatherings are hosted at the synagogue. Beth Israel has supported the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County since its founding in 1995.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Beth Israel Religious School (BIRS) provides an exceptional educational program, which includes Hebrew reading and conversational skills, prayer, Bible, history, and values. At BIRS, the students learn through doing: the calendar includes Friday Night Lights Shabbat services and dinners, Mitzvah Day, and holiday family celebrations.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Children ages 3 and 4 and a parent are encouraged to join in the fun activities of the Sunday eight session Gan Katan program. Children and parents enjoy stories and activities together. Gan Katan is open to the entire community regardless of synagogue membership.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Grades K–1 meets on Sunday mornings. Grade 2–5 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

BIRS students are introduced to Jewish learning through a program rich in Jewish experiences. Music, games, stories, age appropriate prayer, and crafts are all part of the weekly classroom routines. In the elementary grades, students build their knowledge of Hebrew reading, writing and siddur (prayer book) skills each year. The study of conversational Hebrew helps students develop fluid reading skills and appreciate Hebrew as a living language that connects them to the worldwide Jewish community.

Throughout their elementary years, students develop skills and knowledge of text, ethics and values, and Jewish practice. Holidays provide times to celebrate with family or school wide programs. Planned for this year are a Pizza in the Hut Family Dinner; a Family Hanukkah program and dinner; a Family Mitzvah Day, Purim evening celebrations, and a big birthday party with a giant cake for Beth Israel's 100th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 6 and 7 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and have other programming on selected Shabbat mornings throughout the year. Grade 8 meets on Sunday mornings.

The middle school curriculum includes core courses which focus on Jewish lifecycle, ethics, traditional texts, Hebrew language, tefillah, and history. Semester long electives taught by the teaching or rabbinic staff are academic, but supplemental to the core Judaics curriculum.

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Teachers engage students in quality discussions and activities as they explore what it means to live as a Jew today. Coming together as a community each week for tefillot and occasional special activities and celebrations are important parts of the middle school experience. Sixth graders attend an exciting Shabbaton and a series of Shabbat morning sessions. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Series engages students as well as their parents in meaningful learning which facilitates the preparation of students for bar and bat mitzvah individual tutoring.

BIRS works cooperatively with Temple Beth Emeth to offer conversational Hebrew at an immersion level in the middle school. These classes are designed for students who have attended Hebrew Day School in the past, as well as students who have an extensive Hebrew background from other learning experiences. Students whose families are not Beth Israel members are welcome to attend these classes.

Eighth grade students study from a curriculum called The Jewish Lens, and use photography skills to explore their Jewish identity and reflect on their education and experiences.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Students continue to participate in the school and the synagogue throughout their high school careers. The Madrichim Program has two tracks: students in the Educational Assistants Track work with elementary students, and students in the Service Learning Track spend most Sunday mornings volunteering in the community. Students from the two tracks engage in regular study sessions with the rabbis, and join together for social and group building activities. They may also get involved in other synagogue and community activities, such as: taking Hebrew classes through Keshet Ann Arbor, and participating in Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break Trip. High school students are also encouraged to attend a summer teen program to Israel and may apply for a Ladin Israel Teen Trip Scholarship to help with the expenses.

The annual High School Barbecue, which kicks off the year, is Wednesday, September 2, from 6–7:30 pm.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Friday Night Lights program provides families with opportunities to enjoy the community experience of a Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6 p.m. followed by a dairy Shabbat dinner. The cost for dinner is $8 per person, with no charge for children under 3. RSVP's and payment are required on the Monday before each dinner. This year's Friday Night Lights programs will be held: Oct. 23, January 29, and April 15.

Additional Family Programs offer easy opportunities to celebrate holidays together as a community. Pizza in the Hut on Wednesday, September 30, from 6–7 p.m. includes a pizza dinner in Beth Israel's sukkah. The Family Hanukkah Program and Dinner will take place on Wednesday, December 9, from 5–7 p.m., and the event features entertainment, lighting the candles for the second night of Hanukkah, and a latke dinner.

ADULT EDUCATION

Many classes and lectures are offered throughout the year, including weekly study topics in the evening, Wednesday Lunch and Learn sessions, Shabbat Limmud text study classes on the weekly Torah portion and other topics, special holiday study sessions, a Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study program, educational programs facilitated by Rabbi Dobrusin and Rabbi Blumenthal and adult Hebrew classes jointly sponsored by Temple Beth Emeth. The Spotlight Series on select Sunday evenings feature presentations highlighting Beth Israel members who are published authors and other members with unique talents and experiences. The weekend of April 1 – 2 showcases the Alfred and Alice Rosenberg Scholar in Residence - Noam Zion, who is senior research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

CONGREGATION BETH CHABAD

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Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein

Chabad-Lubavitch is a Chassidic movement within Judaism that focuses on the individual's relationship to God and fosters a deep sense of devotion and responsibility toward one's fellow men and women. It is characterized by its emphasis on education and its commitment to lend help wherever it is needed.

The name Chabad is a Hebrew acronym for the three intellectual faculties of: *Chachmah* (wisdom), *Binah* (comprehension) and *Da'at* (knowledge). The Chabad philosophy encourages individuals to understand and recognize the importance and unique mission of each creature, and to refine and govern their every act and feeling through wisdom, comprehension and knowledge.

Chabad House and its Congregation Chabad serve as a "home away from home" for Jewish students, as well as a synagogue and gathering place for families in the Washtenaw County area. Under the guidance of Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, Congregation Chabad reaches out to all Jews regardless of age, affiliation or level of observance. Located on the University of Michigan campus, Congregation Chabad is dedicated to increasing the understanding and knowledge of Judaism and to actively serving and improving the community.

Jewish education is a high priority at Congregation Chabad, where a wide variety of classes are available on a nearly daily basis. Courses include: Insights into the Torah Portion, Jewish Mysticism (Tanya), Hebrew Language, History and Approaches to Jewish Prayer, Talmud study group, Jewish Law and general topics in Judaism. Everyone is welcome regardless of one's previous background, affiliation and level of knowledge. Classes are free of charge and open to the public. Private classes are also available.

Services are conducted year-round in conformance with traditional Jewish law and practice. Hebrew prayer books are available with English or Russian translations. Shabbat evening services begin 15 minutes before sundown Fridays during the school year and at 7 p.m. during the summer. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. Shabbat afternoon and evening services 40 minutes before sun-

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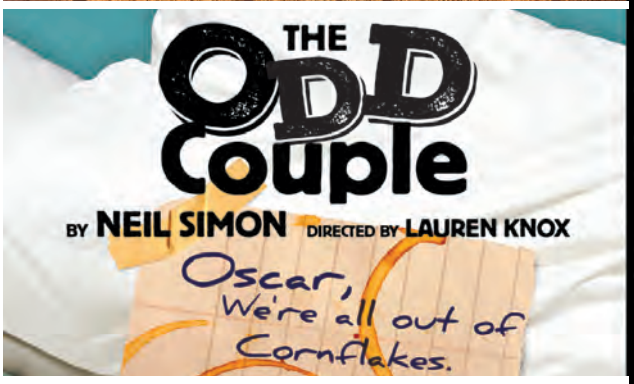

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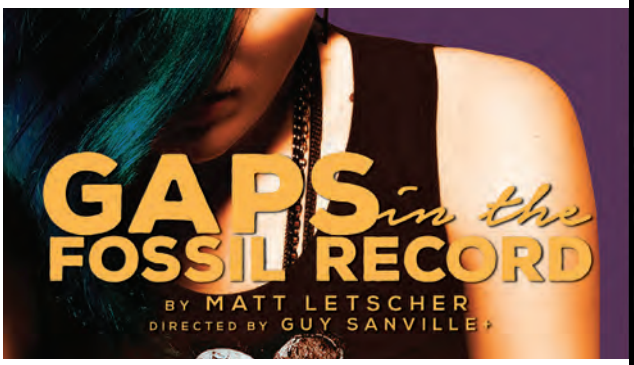

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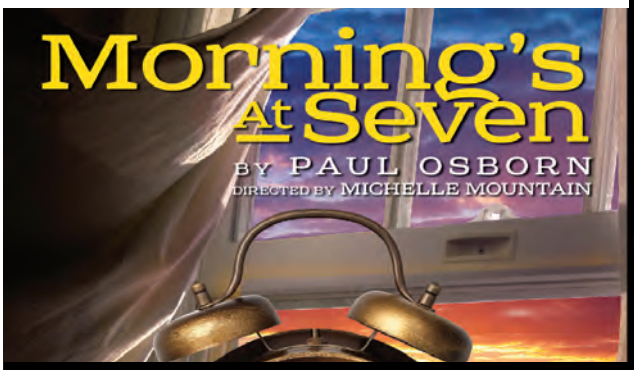

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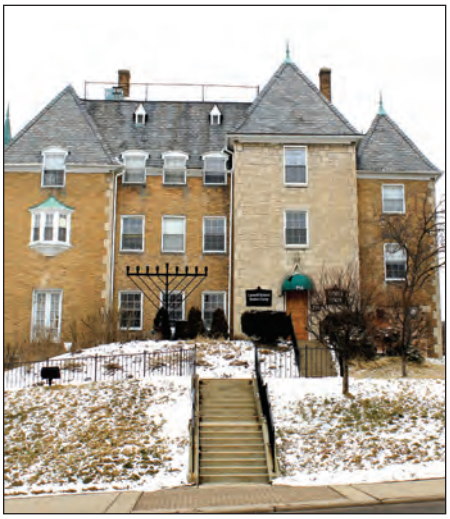

down year-round. Daily services are held in conjunction with the Hillel Orthodox Minyan, starting at 7:30 a.m. during the week and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday, Thursday and Friday morning services take place at Chabad House; Monday through Wednesday services are held at Hillel.

Chabad plays an active role in the local Jewish community. Holiday highlights include shofar making at the JCC's Apples and Honey event, Chanukah adult and children's programs, distribution of *shalach manot* (gift baskets) for Purim and a Passover matzah bakery.

Chabad provides a place where life-cycle events can be commemorated and celebrated. Jewish services offered throughout the year include rabbinical advice; information and help on koshering home kitchens; provision of religious articles at cost; renting furnished rooms for students and visitors; providing Shabbat and holiday hospitality; meals; counseling; lectures and classes. Judaic and bar/bat mitzvah tutoring for children and adults is offered.

Chabad House facilities are available to all Jews in the community for the pursuit of Jewish knowledge and for contact with other Jews. Its hospitality and home-like atmosphere are appreciated by students and by visitors to the area. A Rosh Chodesh group for women only is provided and a mikvah is located on the premises. *(See Women's Organizations.)* Congregation Chabad also offers a wide array of other services and programs, including adult education. *(See Jewish Education.)* Chabad House is also a center for Jewish students at the University of Michigan. *(See Campus Organizations.)* For children, Chabad offers Torah Enrichment Program and a winter and summer day camp, and Camp Gan Israel. *(See Youth Activities.)*

JEWISH CULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Jewish Cultural Society (JCS) is a secular humanistic organization, promoting Jewish ethics, values, history, and culture. It provides a community for individuals and families whose Jewish identification is primarily with culture and family. Founded in 1965, the JCS stresses the cultural aspects of Jewish traditions, Jewish history as a source of ethics and strength, and the values of humanism and social justice found in both modern and historical Judaism.

The community offers engaging Sunday school and B'nai Mitzvah programs (pre-K through high school), enriching adult educational and social programs, Jewish holiday celebrations, life cycle events, and social action opportunities. The JCS also runs several community-wide events, including Tu b'Shevat at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, a family Chanukah celebration, and a 2nd Night Passover Seder.

The JCS takes pride in the fact that its membership is diverse. All individuals and families—young and elderly, traditional and nontraditional, Jewish and intercultural—who wish to express their Jewishness from a secular humanistic perspective, are welcome. The JCS celebrates all Jewish holidays (including monthly Shabbat/Havdalah, High Holidays, Chanukah, and Pesach) and life-cycle celebrations through a secular humanistic lens. Jewish tradition is interpreted by focusing on the relationships between people and community efforts to improve the world.

The JCS is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, the Michigan Coalition of Secular and Humanistic Jews, and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur observances, primarily in English, are offered every fall at the Jewish Community Center and are open to the public. The messages of the High Holiday observances are reflection, responsibility, and forgiveness. The observances are a rededication to communal and individual actions that improve the community and the world. Songs are sung in Hebrew, Yiddish, and English and are led by the JCS choir. JCS observes Tashlich along the banks of the Huron River followed by a community picnic. The JCS community also comes together for a "Break-the-Fast" potluck after Yom Kippur. All observances are free to members and open to the public for a small charge.

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The Jewish Cultural Society holds a popular community-wide vegetarian potluck for Second Night Seder each Passover, using a contemporary Haggadah that was developed by JCS members. The Seder includes songs and poetry and offers a spotlight for JCS students to participate in the readings. The Seder emphasizes the continuing need to work for freedom throughout the world.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year, the JCS turns 50. We will be celebrating on November 1, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Ann Arbor. The JCS Golden Jubilee is an opportunity to take a look retrospectively, reminisce, take stock, and glean lessons; celebrate what we have accomplished; recognize our founding members and notable others; and document stories for posterity. It's a time to reconnect with our past and to look ahead to our next 50 years. Registration and more information can be found online at jewishculturalsociety.org.

SHABBAT OBSERVANCES

The recognition of Shabbat as a time to step away from one's daily life and focus on family is an important part of secular humanistic Jewish practice. The JCS community meets for Shabbat on the first Friday of each month; these celebrations are open to the whole community. Shabbat is celebrated through secular Jewish readings, singing, candle lighting, Challah and wine rituals, and a Yahrtzeit observance to remember loved ones. Following the Shabbat observance, the community shares a catered dinner from a local Ann Arbor restaurant. After dinner, educational or social programs are offered such as discussing a topic of interest, playing Jewish Jeopardy for Jewish Literacy month, or participating in a community service activity. The First Friday Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC and participants of all ages are welcome.

Tot Shabbat is run concurrently with the First Friday Shabbat Observance at the JCC. Tot Shabbat is a wonderful way to welcome in the weekend with other families of early elementary-age and younger children. Following Tot Shabbat, the youngsters join their parents for dinner before making holiday-themed crafts, reading stories, and singing songs with the Tzofim who help run the Tot Shabbat program.

A bi-monthly celebration of Havdalah distinguishes between the quiet and introspection of Shabbat and the activity of the rest of the week. Celebrated at members' homes, the community begins Havdalah with a modern, secular humanistic observance. Following the Havdalah observance, JCS families welcome the new week with a potluck dinner. Children are welcome to participate in the celebration of Havdalah.

LIFE CYCLE OBSERVANCES

Life cycle observances, a central part of the JCS community life, includes baby namings, bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, weddings, funerals, memorials, and unveilings. Julie Gales, the JCS's *madrikha*, develops these ceremonies by collaborating with the families to create a personal and meaningful experience. Gales also presides over the events. The JCS's Memorial Garden is at Arborcrest Cemetery in northeast Ann Arbor.

Second grade students have a special Shabbat ceremony dedicated to affirming their Jewish names. This annual community-wide life cycle event provides the second grade class with the opportunity to learn about the people for whom they are named and, in the case of some students, to choose a Hebrew name for themselves.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

JCS maintains an active schedule of educational activities for our members and the broader community from pre-K through adult.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

The community offers Sunday morning adult education programs monthly throughout the school year. Sunday Schmoozes provide an opportunity for all members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community to meet local scholars and community leaders for an informal discussion of Jewish topics and politics. Recent topics have emphasized secular humanistic Judaism, approaches to Middle East peace, environmental sustainability, improving family life, social action/social justice issues, Jewish cooking, the roots

of Chanukah, and historic, political, or current events.

An adult B'nai Mitzvah class is also offered. Participants, in collaboration with the leader, plan the curriculum content and pace. The adult Mitzvah ceremony culminates the approximately two-year program.

In addition to the social action activities and adult education, the JCS holds regular social activities for adult members like Pourin' for Purim (an annual wine and cheese event). The JCS's monthly Rosh Chodesh gatherings celebrate the new Jewish month through a short celebration, discussions, and socializing among the community's women. Some of the Rosh Chodesh activities include the annual Apple Cake Bake for the High Holidays, sharing books for Jewish Book Month, and Rejuvenating Our Spirits at Chanukah.

The Jewish Cultural Society's Third Friday Chavurah for the community's older members takes the form of a monthly potluck held in rotation at the homes of its members. Meeting regularly since the 1980s, the group has spawned close friendships and lively conversations.

JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

The Jewish Cultural School (Pre-K through 7th grade) is the Sunday school program of the JCS. JCS's goal is to expose their students to the vast scope of Jewish life over 4,000 years on six continents and to engender in them an appreciation for Jewish history, culture and ethics. Learning is participatory and active. Students dance, sing, create art, cook, and hear and tell stories. The school runs from September to May.

Jewish holidays are discussed with emphasis on their relevance today. The children also study Jewish life in biblical times and the Middle Ages; Jewish culture in Europe, the Middle East and America; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; and Secular Humanistic Jewish philosophers. Field trips (such as the 6th grade annual trip to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills) and simulations (such as the bi-annual Ellis Island reenactment) are integrated into the curriculum at every level. Although everything is taught in English, students are introduced to basic key words in Hebrew and Yiddish. The curriculum continually evolves with the help of student, parent, and teacher input. In this way, the school supports its students in the development of a positive Jewish identity.

Parent involvement in the Jewish Cultural School is welcome and encouraged. Parents actively participate in their children's education by teaching, helping in their child's classroom, or helping in the planning and running of holiday celebrations.

B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

The Jewish Cultural School B'nai Mitzvah Program offers a truly unique and meaningful way to transition children into Jewish communal life. This program begins in sixth grade and is a two-year process that includes independent research on Jewish topics of interest chosen by the students. Participants distill the information into short oral presentations given at the First Friday Shabbat observance or other gatherings of the families of the B'nai Mitzvah class. The topics cover everything from Masada to shtetl life in Russia to Marc Chagall to Black/Jewish relations in the Civil Rights Movement. The students also research their own families' stories, and work on a Jewish Identity Project that helps them to solidify their own ideas about what it means to be Jewish. In keeping with the Secular Humanistic Jewish emphasis on social justice, there is a 30-hour community service commitment to a project chosen by the student. Students volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Lurie Terrace, Peace Neighborhood Center, and many other local organizations.

This effort culminates in a bar or bat mitzvah celebration, usually during the seventh grade. Each ceremony is a unique collaboration written by the students and their parents with help from the Julie Gales, the JCS's madrikha, who preside over the events. The mitzvah celebrations are held at the Jewish Community Center or another location of the bar/bat mitzvah family's choice.

After bar or bat mitzvah, students are encouraged to continue in the eighth grade, join the Tzofim Program, and become Sunday school tzofim (classroom aides), providing a vehicle for them to maintain active in the JCS.

OLDER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Jewish learning continues after bar or bat mitzvah with the Tzofim (teen leadership) Program for students grades 8-12. The program includes leadership development, student led social action projects, and group activities. The program also provides an opportunity for students to work as aides in the classroom and at community-wide events. The post bar/bat mitzvah age youth also attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations' conference that takes place each Memorial Day weekend in different locations across North America. Tzofim plan social action events together, organize social action projects open to the broader, and help plan and staff holiday programs.

SOCIAL ACTION

Social action is at the heart of Secular Humanistic Judaism. A firm belief that Jews are responsible and accountable for one's own history, actions, and future motivates JCS members to view tikkun olam, (repairing the world) as a very high priority.

PARDES HANNAH

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Pardes Hannah, Ann Arbor's Jewish Renewal Community, provides an intimate setting to enter deeply into praye—through chanting, kabbalistic meditation, movement, traditional davening, and openhearted engagement with Torah. Pardes Hannah offers Shabbat morning and Kabbalat Shabbat services, Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services and a variety of spiritual and educational study sessions

and celebrations throughout the cycle of the Jewish year.

Pardes Hannah meets the first Shabbat of the month for Shabbat morning services held at Beth Israel Annex, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue. Several times a year the group will alternate and meet for Kabbalat Shabbat and pot luck dinners at members homes. Services and other activities are lead by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, founder and spiritual leader of Pardes Hannah, and other skilled leaders in the group. Check the website for dates, location and more information. In the tradition of Jewish Renewal communities (see www.aleph.org).

Pardes Hannah is committed to strengthening the three pillars of Jewish life—prayer, study, and action. The goals of Jewish Renewal are to empower individuals to respond to the call of Torah and to provide the resources that assist individuals and communities in the search for a meaningful, Jewish spiritual practice. Jewish Renewal draws on the well- springs of Jewish tradition, on sacred texts, mystical practices, historical currents, artistic expression, and individuals' own inner truths.

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Temple Beth Emeth is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, committed to enhancing religious life in Ann Arbor through religious, spiritual, cultural, educational, social action and social programming. The congregation strives to create a sense of family, a "caring community," for all its members—a place in which its members can celebrate their joys or share difficult moments surrounded by people who care.

This year, TBE will embark on a year called "Diversity of Communities." This year begins with a Welcome Back Welcome Shabbat on Friday, August 28.

TBE continues to meet the needs of a diverse congregation by providing a spectrum of Shabbat services that meet the various needs and spiritual journeys of its members. Every Friday evening, Shabbat begins with Tot Shabbat and Sukkat Shalom at a new time, 5:45 p.m. Tot Shabbat is run by Cantor Regina Hayut and young musical assistants, geared toward newborns through kindergarten aged children while Sukkat Shalom is run by Rabbi Bob Levy and is for elementary-aged children. Parents and children are invited for dinner at 6:15 p.m. and Shira at 6:45 p.m. Dinner concludes with a popsicle oneg. At 7:30 p.m. there is a service using the Reform prayer book, Mishkan Tefilah.

Shabbat morning begins with a Torah study led by Rabbi Levy or Cantor Hayut at 8:50 a.m. On weeks without a bar or bat mitzvah, Kaddish will be said at the conclusion of Torah Study. TBE clergy lead Shabbat morning services in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. on weeks when there is a bar or bat mitzvah. Prayer is the heart of the congregation.

There also are opportunities for Shabbat celebrations through the year, such a Brotherhood Shabbat on November 20, Sisterhood Shabbat on June 3, a

Shabbat service honoring new members and those who have been in the congregation for over 36 years on October 9 and a Social Action Shabbat on March 18. A detailed schedule of services is posted on the TBE website.

Holidays provide the perfect venue for festive events. TBE has a family Sukkot picnic with sukkah decorating on Saturday, September 26. On Sunday, October 24, Simchat Torah combines two events, an early celebration with singing and dance, and a later adult Torah study. The Family Chanukah Service and the Brotherhood Latke Dinner on Friday, December 11 have become TBE traditions, with families bringing their menorahs to light during the service. The Second Night Seder on Saturday, April 23, celebrates Passover in the spirit of community. A meaningful Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Memorial Service held on Friday, May 6 is written and led by the Generations After group, children of survivors.

MUSIC

ADULT CHOIR

Jewish music plays an important role at TBE under the direction of Cantor Hayut. The Adult Choir, Kol Halev, sings during High Holy Day services, on a monthly basis at Friday night services and at concerts and in nursing homes throughout the year. Veterans of two international concert tours and several concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony, Kol Halev members also present concerts throughout Michigan.

YOUTH, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

The Youth Choir, with members in grades 3-5, performs in services and concerts at the temple and in the community. Middle School Shir Chadash and High School Shir Chadash, the student choral and instrumental ensembles, perform in services and concerts and periodically hold "Cafe" evenings of music in an informal cafe atmosphere. A concert by all four ensembles is one of the highlights of the year. The Adult Worship Band, made up of accomplished amateur musicians, accompanies services once a month.

SOCIAL ACTION

The mission of the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Emeth is to assist the congregation in applying Jewish values

to promoting social justice through aid, education, and advocacy. These efforts to promote tikkun olam are concentrated on selected issues each year that are of concern to local or global communities. Social action has a prominent role at TBE, taking many forms.

The Social Action Committee's efforts continue to be on "vulnerable populations," both locally, nationally and internationally. This includes addressing issues relating to hunger, poverty and the environment, human rights, homelessness, and Israel/Palestine relations. TBE, in partnership with St. Clare's Episcopal Church, is participating in the 42nd annual Washtenaw County CROP Walk for World Hunger on Sunday, October 11.

Ongoing activities include supporting and working at The Back Door Food Pantry, jointly run with St. Clare's Episcopal Church, maintaining the Food and Faith Garden for the pantry located on the congregation's property, long-time involvement with the local Interfaith Hospitality Network/Alpha House, volunteering twice-monthly at the Delonis Center, and an ongoing partnership with the Shelter Association's Rotating Shelter during Thanksgiving week

SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD

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educational group for the congregation, sponsoring an annual latke dinner, building the sukkah, and holding both social and educational meetings for its members. (*See Men's and Women's organizations for details and contact information.*)

ADULT EDUCATION/PROGRAMS

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Jewish learning is at the heart of TBE. Offerings throughout the year range from cultural to religious, Torah study to Jewish spirituality. Everyone can find something to learn here and meet great people at the same time. Beginning with the High Holy Days, TBE offers a wide variety of learning to prepare oneself for the High Holy Days. The preparation begins with S'Lichot on September 5 at 8 p.m. for services and study.

TBE offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for adults, at every entry point. They include semester courses in special topics with local scholars, study with Rabbi Levy and Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut, weekly Shabbat Morning Torah Study, a Shabbaton (extended Shabbat programming) with a scholar-in-residence, book clubs, bi-monthly Men's and Women's Torah Study, educational holiday programs, and a themed lecture series. TBE also partners with Beth Israel Congregation for a community-wide Adult Hebrew program. Clare Kinberg, TBE Librarian, holds adult education discussions, lectures, and writing workshops based on Jewish themed books and invites local authors to speak about their work. Programs are open to temple members and to members of the community-at-large. For information, call 665-4744. Stay connected to TBE through the website, www.templebethemeth.org, and "like" us on Facebook.

CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community program provides a congregation-wide opportunity to serve fellow congregants in times of joy and sorrow. Through the Caring Community Volunteer Corps (CCVC), congregants assist each other with meals for families with new babies, for congregants that are ill or recovering from surgery, or for a house of mourning. CCVC also provides rides during the day to medical appointments and rides to and from services and events at TBE. Bikkur Cholim provides visits

to members of the TBE community who are hospitalized, in nursing or assisted living centers, or at home. Nachamu (TBE's Bereavement Group) conducts shiva services at congregants' homes and provides training for others to participate in this mitzvah. Caring Community is expanding to include additional services and support. If you are interested in volunteering call 665-4744 or email caringcommunity@templebethemeth.org.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Services and special celebrations are planned throughout the year on festivals and other holidays. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the congregation offers traditional services along with family services, youth services, and a special service for tots and their parents. High Holy Day Services are held at Pease Auditorium on the EMU campus on both Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, and the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Afternoon and concluding Yom Kippur Services return to the temple on Packard Street. There are separate services each holiday for AARTY (Grades 9-12). Community members may purchase tickets by contacting the office or using the order form on the website. University students are welcome to attend services at no charge. Call the office to arrange for tickets. Sukkot and Simchat Torah include an outdoor sukkah decorating party, services, Israeli dancing and multiple adult study opportunities. The Brotherhood sponsors a latke dinner each Chanukah, which is followed by a service lit by everyone's menorahs. On December 25, the congregation sponsors a movie at the Michigan Theater.

In the spring, a large annual second night Seder is held. Every year, the Generations After group (TBE children & relatives of survivors) write a meaningful Yom HaShoah service for the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day and a supplemental afternoon service for Yom Kippur. Spring also brings a fun Megillah reading and Purim carnival. Shavuot brings the special confirmation service that is written and led by the confirmation class as well as an evening of adult study

TOT AND ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS

TBE offers a weekly Tot Shabbat service conducted by Rabbi Robert Levy and Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut. Beginning September 11, the service will begin at its new time of 5:45 p.m. Following the service is the classic fish stick and mac and cheese dinner at 6:15 p.m. Participants will continue with a short Shira (song fest) concluding with a popsicle oneg at 7 p.m. TBE holds a popular Tot Chanukah, held in conjunction with the family Chanukah service, another beloved event, and sponsors a tot-specific Purim carnival at the same time as the larger carnival. TBE also maintains a tot-friendly website with songs, stories, and bless-

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ings: www.tbetots.org. This year, TBE is offering a "tot post-graduate" service designed for elementary-aged school children. Sukkat Shalom, the canopy of peace, is held at the same time as Tot Shabbat once a month. All of the participants of both services join together for the fish stick and mac & cheese dinner, Shira and popsicle oneg.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

TNT, the 20s and 30s group at TBE for young Jewish adults, single or married, meets for both cultural and social events. Trivia Nights, Sushi in the Sukkah, City-Wide Purim Party, potluck Shabbat dinners, and volunteering at community organizations are some of the events held over the past few years. TNT frequently co-sponsors events with other local Jewish young adult groups. The Renaissance and Ruach Group (R&R), for members who are aged 40 and over, holds potluck dinners, game nights, and attends theater events, as well as other social activities in an effort to encourage connections among members who no longer have children in the Religious School. Look out for new and exciting programs this year.

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- SOULutions (a mussar-inspired study group) and Embrace Death (a study group to process and prepare) for adults of all backgrounds;
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Lauren Zinn builds on years of experience teaching both kids and adults, facilitating groups, designing instruction, and leading services as well as raising her children in an interfaith marriage. Zinn holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in interdisciplinary educational planning, an masters degree in philosophy, and received ordination from Rabbi Joseph H. Gelberman of The All Faiths Seminary. She currently serves on the board of The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County and is the creator and annual organizer of Faces of Faith, a community-wide interfaith opportunity.

adult activities

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The J provides active adults and active older adults with regular opportunities to engage in social, cultural, and educational programming multiple times each week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the J hosts a Lunch Series featuring musical performances, guest speakers, presentations, and discussions covering a range of topics and experiences. Lunch is available every Tuesday and Thursday at noon for a small fee.

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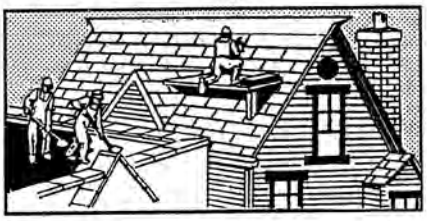
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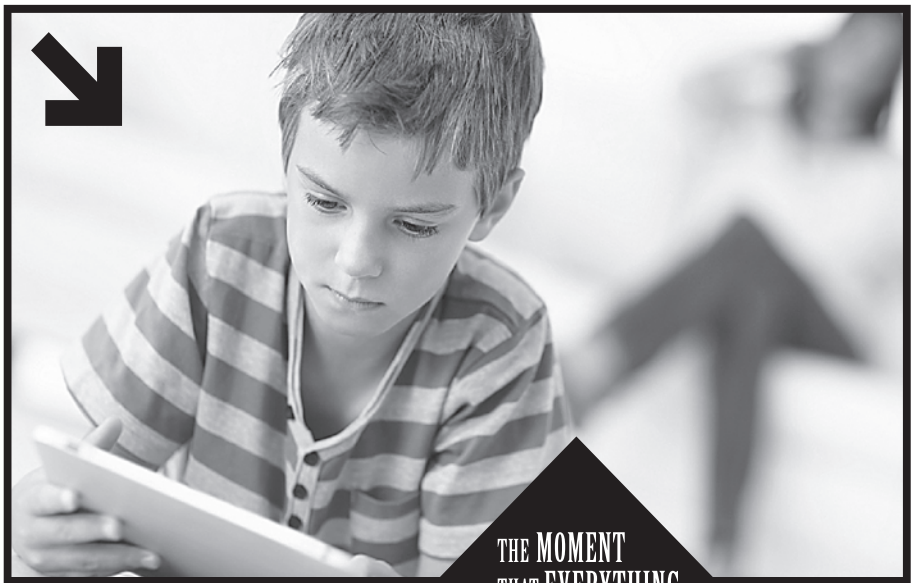
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Chaverim B'Shirim is an all-volunteer choir, performing non-liturgical music by Jewish composers whose music spans from the 1600s of Salamone de Rossi to the music of today. The choir has performed the music of George Gershwin, Isaac Dunayevsky, Kurt Weill, Stephen Sondheim, Harold Rome, and others. Director Marilyn Krimm has a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. She has had extensive experience with Jewish music and choral groups, here and in New York.

Singers of all ages and vocal levels are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7–8:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. The group performs at the JCC every December and May.

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The JCC Yiddish Book Group meets every Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to explore Yiddish literature, poetry, and culture. Examples of authors typically read include Shalom Aleichem, I.J. Singer, Sholem Asch, and more. No prior Yiddish knowledge required.

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The Wallenberg Endowment funds an annual lecture and medal presentation to honor this international hero, whose character was partly shaped by his years in school here. Since 1990, this endowed program at the University of Michigan has awarded an annual Wallenberg Medal to an individual whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. The medalist program has brought the twentieth century's most outstanding humanitarians to campus to tell their stories.

Wallenberg Medal recipients include, among others, Nobel laureates Elie Wiesel; His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding; and Helen Suzman, a member of the South African parliament.

The Wallenberg Committee deeply believes that young people must be told the story of Raoul Wallenberg. When Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren, came from Sweden in the fall of 2001 to accept the Wallenberg Medal on behalf of her brother, she emphasized in her lecture the importance of reaching out to young people. It is, after all, the best way to begin to change the world. The Wallenberg Committee believes that the example of Raoul Wallenberg can turn young people from helpless cynicism to resolute hopefulness and to awaken them to the belief that one person can make a difference.

The 2014 Wallenberg Medal will be awarded to distinguished Hungarian philosopher and Holocaust survivor Agnes Heller on Tuesday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m., in Rackham Auditorium on the University of Michigan campus. University of Michigan President Mark Schlissel will present the medal, and Professor Heller will give the 23rd Wallenberg Lecture.

YIDISH TISH (YIDDISH CONVERSATIONAL GROUP)

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Spend a *heymish* hour in *der alter heym* speaking and listening to *mame-loshn*, Yiddish. This informal conversational group, which has been meeting at various venues on and near the University of Michigan central campus for the last several years, is free and open to all lovers of Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age, and whether affiliated with the university or not. All manner of topics are discussed, with an effort to improve participants' Yiddish speaking skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time, or to just listen. Bring your own lunch, if you like, or purchase something from the café. *Iz, kumt un hot hanoe.*

The group meets every Tuesday (except major Jewish holidays and January 1, July 4, and the last week of December) all year round at 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor near the North University entrance in the Michigan League, 911 North University.

men's organizations

BROTHERHOOD, TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood is an organization dedicated to nurturing men's involvement in Temple life. Its goal is to assist members to become better Jews and better men through increased participation in Temple and Brotherhood

activities. Active involvement in the congregation brings members together spiritually and socially. Brotherhood is dedicated to programming that is meaningful and relevant to its members. An up-to-date calendar can be found on the group's webpage, as well as photos of past events.

MEN'S CLUB, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Members of the Beth Israel Congregation Men's Club meet about once a month and implement several important projects over the course of the congregation year. They organize the ushers over the High Holidays, construct the synagogue Sukkah each year and they host, in concert with men's clubs around the world, the Annual World Wide Wrap and Polar Bear Photo, which teaches and encourages the laying of *tefillin* by both men and women. In addition they plan trips to baseball games, help maintain the Beth Israel grounds, and sponsor the annual Gershowitz Memorial Shabbat, which encourages men and women to learn to lead new parts of the service. They also organize the distribution of Yom HaShoah memorial candles to the congregation.

women's organizations

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Hadassah is the largest women's organization and the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. Hadassah of Ann Arbor, an organization of over 450 members, has a rich history of activism. It is an organization for women of all ages, providing social outlets and educational opportunities that raise awareness and empower women.

Local Hadassah activities include Game Night and several interest groups, including Mahjong, Book Club, and Bridge. The chapter hosts various fundraising efforts, such as a rummage re-sale and a donor campaign. Programs that are benefited by the fundraisers include the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, the Hadassah College Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah/ Children at Risk, and the Jewish National Fund.

Hadassah annual dues are $36 and life membership is currently $212.

JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE

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The Jewish Women's Circle brings together Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds to learn, laugh, experience and rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. Each of their meetings features discussions, a do-it-yourself activity, a chance to socialize and meet new friends. The group meets 6-7 times a year. There are no membership fees for the group. The Jewish Women's Circle of Washtenaw County is open to all women in the community.

MIKVAH ISRAEL

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Today, the Mikvah is mainly used as a vital part of the laws of family purity. As it has always been the role of a Jewish wife to set the spiritual tone of her home, it is the Jewish wife who ensures the spiritual dimension of the intimate marriage relationship.

The community mikvah (ritual bath), located at Chabad House, is available for use by the Jewish community. The Ann Arbor Mikvah Israel facility employs a state-of-the-art pool filtering, disinfecting and heating system and is the only such facility between Detroit and Chicago.

Mikvah Israel supports and maintains the mikvah. A nominal donation is asked of all users. Mikvah Israel also provides educational material for anyone interested in learning more about this mitzvah. Speakers are available for organizations.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Beth Israel Women's League members are dynamic women who embrace meaningful projects and Jewish learning. Women's League actively supports Beth Israel in a variety of ways with a special emphasis on welcoming new members of Beth Israel and building community.

Women's League hosts Cafés on select Sunday mornings during the religious school year in Beth Israel's social hall. The Cafés offers food and and a welcoming place to relax while children are in school. Enjoy the free Wi-Fi, read the paper, catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

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The Women's League Gift Shop offers Judaica items for all occasions. Proceeds from sales help support Beth Israel, Beth Israel Religious School, Jewish Chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break program for teens and the group's sister chapter in Israel. Jewish community.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD (WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM)

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TBE Sisterhood, a member of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), provides programs and services that reinforce education, companionship, social action and service to both the Temple and general community. Membership is open to the entire community.

Sisterhood holds informal monthly lunches, afternoon and evening mahj groups, biweekly Women's Torah Study, periodic lectures, workshops, trips and activities.

Sisterhood sponsors the congregational Break-the-Fast. Sweet Beginnings, an award-winning "welcome to religious school party," is held for new students on the first day of Hebrew School in the fall. Each bar and bat mitzvah receives a kiddush cup from Sisterhood, and college students receive gift packages at Chanukah and Purim.

First-time Jewish campers are eligible to receive scholarship support at a URJ camp. Sisterhood contributes to the TBE Youth Advisor's salary, to AARTY convention travel, and provides additional funds for special activities to the TBE religious school.

The entire local community is encouraged to shop at the Sisterhood-run TBE Gift Shop which carries a wide variety of Judaica in a broad price range. It is open most Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Fridays before services from 7:00 to 7:30 pm, and Sundays, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m during the liturgical year. It is also open by appointment; contact Amy Paberzs (668-6842; amypab@hotmail.com).

A number of community non-profits receive donations or support through

Sisterhood. Through our WRJ affiliation, Sisterhood contributes to rabbinic and cantorial scholarships at the Hebrew Union College in the US and the Leo Baeck Institute and Abraham Geiger College in Europe; the Jewish Braille Institute; the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ); as well as several Reform nursery schools and Bat Mitzah classes in Israel. Sisterhood board members benefit from WRJ leadership training and resource sharing at district and national meetings.

Sisterhood, as part of Women of Reform Judaism has, since its inception in 1913, been involved in Social Action. WRJ and TBE Sisterhood supports the Jewish Braille Institute, World Union for Progressive Judaism, especially its program that supports teens in the Former Soviet Union going to Jewish Camps and re-establishing their Jewish traditions; providing Bat Mitzvah classes and preparation for girls in Israel, and support for Women of the Wall; in the US-- WRJ is advocating for gun control, women's reproductive rights, children caught in the "school to prison pipeline," immigration reform, protection of voting rights, and much more.

ORT AMERICA, ANN ARBOR CHAPTER

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Members of the Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT America raise money each year to support World ORT with its goals of providing students with marketable skills in state-of-the-art technology and other fields, enabling them to attain successful careers and become community leaders.

The Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT will hold its annual Fall Brunch, "The Best of ORT Brunches," on Sunday, October 4, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. Brunches from the past 10 years have featured recipes from countries with ORT schools. This year's brunch will highlight the best recipes from those brunches. Current and prospective members of Ann Arbor ORT are welcome to attend.

The chapter will also hold its annual Chanukah party on Thursday, December 10, and a Donor dinner in June, 2016, recognizing ORT's generous 2015 donors.

Members of the Ann Arbor ORT chapter may join the monthly Book Group, which discusses books of Jewish content. Greeting cards and tributes, for all occasions and holidays, are available from the chapter. Annual donations of $36 or more are requested to maintain membership in ORT and to help World ORT fund its important programs.

Each year, over 300,000 students in more than 50 countries are trained and empowered by ORT's cutting-edge curriculum and strategic education initiatives. Closer to home, the Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield offers a wide range of classes and programs, including the very successful Better Jobs Opportunity Program, which provides job skills training to the unemployed and under-employed in southeastern Michigan.

campus organizations

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Jewish Studies at Eastern Michigan University offers courses concerned with the history of the Jewish people. It considers the cultural and intellectual gifts Jews have given the world. It focuses on the Jewish faith, its richness, its intricacy, its demands, as well as its complex and fascinating relationships with other religions. Interdisciplinary in its design, EMU Jewish Studies draws on faculty expertise from throughout the university. It also engages students in a wide realm of co-curricular activities including lectures, study abroad, and internships. It provides a home for the online resource, Nineteenth-Century Jewish Life, and the linguistics project, Jewish Voices of Southeast Michigan. EMU's program in Jewish Studies provides a gathering place for EMU's numerous ethnic communities to learn more about Jews and Judaism, a space to build bridges, to open and engage in discourse, to create new understandings between Jews and the many other groups that comprise the diverse culture of southeast Michigan.

EMU Jewish Studies is an interdisciplinary program that draws faculty from throughout the university. It includes classes in Art, History, Literature, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Theater, and World Languages. Among the classes offered by EMU Jewish Studies is "Becoming Jewish in America," that takes students to New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC on an astonishingly compelling and spiritually uplifting journey. The group visits the Eldridge Street Synagogue, the Tenement Museum, the Jewish Museum of New York, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the National Museum of American Jewish History, and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. This year they met with Ruth Messinger at AJWS, Harlene Appelman at the Covenant Foundation, and representatives

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from the Jewish Federations of North America, the Schusterman Foundation, Jews United for Justice, and AIPAC. At the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, students spoke with a 93-year-old survivor who continues to direct tours of the museum in five different languages.

EMU Jewish Studies is deeply committed to creating relationships between the university and the Southeast Michigan Jewish community. EMU Jewish Studies has partnered with the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Center of Farminton Hills, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, and the Ark. Collaborations have included the Schusterman Institute for Israel Studies at Brandeis, the Covenant Foundation, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the Arbeitsstelle Holocaustliteratur at Justus Liebig University in Gießen, Germany.

HILLEL AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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HILLEL AT EMU

Hillel at Eastern Michigan University—where Jewish campus life begins. Exploring what makes us all uniquely Jewish and universally human in a welcoming and pluralistic environment, Hillel at EMU is a group for all Jewish students, regardless of background or viewpoints. Our programs and events are student-driven and aim to connect our community with our campus. Whether enjoying a delicious Shabbat meal or traveling on and Alternative Break or Taglit-Birthright Israel

trip, there are so many ways to become involved and make a difference in our tight-knit community.

Hillel at EMU is open to students from both Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College.

HILLEL CAMPUS ALLIANCE OF MICHIGAN

The Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan is an alliance of campus Hillel's throughout Michigan. Serving students across the state since August 2007, HCAM is building dynamic and vibrant Jewish communities for Jewish students at Alma College, Albion College, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Kalamazoo College, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University and Western Michigan University. Hillel staff meets with student leaders to determine their vision for Jewish life on their specific campus and works closely with those leaders to make their vision a reality. As an organization, HCAM supports students with the tools to create vibrant Jewish life including funding, day-to-day staff supervision and student leadership development. HCAM also provides students with travel opportunities, internship and volunteer programs and the chance to participate in a variety of student leadership conferences. For more information on HCAM, visit www.h-cam.net.

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University of Michigan Hillel is unparalleled in terms of its size, diversity and quality of programming. U-M Hillel supports 60 independent student groups, spanning the full breadth of Jewish life. Each group provides opportunities for students to become involved as leaders, driving the programming and decision-making forward for their group and community. Students build leadership, engagement, and community-organizing skills through our Hillel that benefit them in their roles on campus, in finding employment, and in life long after they graduate.

Each group also provides the opportunity for students to access a community that meets their individual needs. With 60 student groups, students can find opportunities to explore their identities and interests in a safe, supportive, fun and nurturing environment. Programming covers social, political, religious, cultural and educational areas, all intended to help students access Jewish life and community on their own terms. U-M Hillel offers concerts, lectures, films, classes, community service, yoga, religious services, discussion groups, dialogue, free Shabbat dinners for students, and a full kosher meal program. U-M Hillel takes more students to Israel on Taglit-Birthright Israel than any other Hillel in the country.

You can come to Hillel to hang out, catch a movie, eat delicious meals, study, hold a group meeting or do yoga. But Hillel is not just confined to theirbuilding. You can experience Hillel in coffee shops, in residence halls, on the Diag, in your own home, in Israel or in Detroit. Everyone is invited to drop in or contact Hillel to learn more about how to get connected or offer new ideas for programs.

ISRAEL GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

AMI, the American Movement for Israel, sponsors educational, political and cultural events and programs to promote support and understanding of Israel and its people.

iLead (Israel Leadership), focuses on Israel, education, advocacy and engagement skill building among student leaders.

WolvPac provides students, regardless of their American or Israeli political leanings, the opportunity to create tangible ties between our campus and Israel. This is done through working with campus and community leaders, as well as meeting with congressional leaders. Leaders in this group often attend the AIPAC Policy Conference and other AIPAC leadership training and trips to Israel.

JStreet Umich promotes progressive social and political issues and peace initiatives. The group also co-sponsors dialogue and discussion with other student groups on campus.

TAMID: Israel Investment Group,pioneers the next generation of American commitment to Israel by connecting business-minded students with the Israeli economy.

U-M Hillel's **Taglit-Birthright** Israel trip provides an opportunity for an exhilarating free 10-day visit to Israel for students 18–26 during Winter break or in May.

Masa Israel Internship - Masa means journey in Hebrew and Masa interns connects students on campus to study abroad, post-college, and volunteer programs in Israel.

JEWISH LEARNING

From weekly classes (Talmud, Radical Jewish Ideas, Waffles and Wisdom, and more) to informal discussions to dialogue groups there is always Jewish learning going on at Hillel. How does Judaism fit into who you are becoming? How does your learning influence your beliefs? Hillel can help you with these big questions.

Shulchan Ivrit provides a weekly opportunity for students of all levels of proficiency to speak Hebrew together.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Hillel offers a variety of religious services on Friday nights and holidays:, creative, musical Reform services; an egalitarian Conservative minyan; and Shalvah, a spirited "partnership minyan" with Carlebach melodies. The Orthodox minyan which serves students, faculty, and community members also holds daily services.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Kol HaKavod is U-M Hillel's a cappella singing group. The ensemble performs a varied repertoire of close harmonies in English, Hebrew, and Ladino, with music taken from Jewish liturgical and historical sources, Israeli folk songs, and translated popular tunes.

Golden Apple Award, conducts a campus-wide nomination process in order to select the year's recipient of the Golden Apple Award. The winning U-M teacher, in addition to receiving a Golden Apple trophy and a cash prize, delivers his or her ideal "last lecture." The Golden Apple Award is sponsored by Hillel and Apple Computer Inc. and is co-sponsored by more 20 U-M academic units and student groups.

Consider Magazine is a publication presenting different viewpoints on a variety of issues, both local and international. It is available in racks at Hillel and in most major university buildings.

The Jewish Graduate student program consists of several organizations that serve Jewish graduate students. These organizations are based both on professional schools and interests: JAGS (Jewish Association of Graduate Students), JLSA (Jewish Law Student Association), RJSA (Ross Jewish Students Association), OJSW (Organization of Jewish Social Workers), JeMSA (Jewish Medical Students Association). Graduate students and young professionals have a separate space for Shabbat dinner at Hillel every Friday night during the academic year.

Ahava, the Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer student group, offers programming, discussion groups, speakers and social events that meet the needs of the diverse Jewish LGBTQ community on campus.

The Conference on the Holocaust (COTH) is a year-long series of events planned by students designed to present a cross-section of scholarly, personal, historical and theological perspectives on the Holocaust. COTH organizes an annual Survivors' Luncheon, which hosts over 40 survivors and 300 students.

Jewish Greek Council brings together Jewish students who are members of sororities and fraternities. The group sponsors social action projects and hosts Shabbat dinners and social events.

Hillel Sports fields a broad range of teams that compete in the U-M's intramural sports program. Hillel also sponsors the Hillel Ice Hockey Team and competes in the Kaufman Cup, a series of sporting events with MSU Hillel.

Maize and Blue Games is a student group designed to improve the lives of children in Detroit through hosting competitive sports tournaments for U-M students to participate in, and donating all raised funds to Youthville Detroit, a youth center dedicated to "developing youth and enhancing their well-being."

Hillel's Dance Group is a competitive dance troupe on campus that is Shabbat friendly and provides an opportunity for students to express themselves through dance.

The Yiddish Club was established to create a social Yiddish experience on campus. The group meets to speak in Yiddish, read the Froward Yiddish newspaper and explore the rich tradition of Yiddish culture.

Hillel Players is a student-driven theatre that engages with the Jewish experience. Hillel Players is committed to supporting individual talents, ensuring that each member is responsible for meaningful, vital work.

Sarah's Kitchen, also called "Hillel's Café," serves gourmet kosher lunches and dinners Sunday-Friday during the academic year. U-M students on board contract in a residence hall can use their "Blue Bucks" to pay for meals, and anyone can eat at Hillel on a walk-in basis. Friday night Shabbat dinners are available to U-M students at no charge.

Challah for Hunger raises awareness of and money for hunger and disaster relief through the baking and selling of challah.

MuJew brings Muslim and Jewish students together on campus in dialogue. There is also an alternative spring break trip to help build the MuJew community.

The Jewish Penicillin Hotline (iwantsoup@umich.edu) delivers kosher chicken soup with matzah balls to any U-M student who is feeling sick.

The Jewish Women's Forum explores women's roles in Judaism, offering study groups, speakers, Rosh Hodesh celebrations, and an annual women's seder.

Alternative Spring Breaks are an opportunity to do tzedek (justice) work around the world. Past service projects were in Detroit, Birmingham, New Orleans, Uruguay, Argentina, the Ukraine, and Nicaragua.

Breaking Barriers connects Jewish students with non-Jewish peers for intercultural dialogue. Given the opportunity to learn about other cultures and religions can help students learn more about themselves. as Jews.

Ask Big Questions convenes conversations about life's "Big Questions"—When do we conform? Are we free? What could we sacrifice to repair the world? Through these conversations students can better understanding themselves and others, and improve the world.

Music Vs. uses music, performance, and other arts to create relationships with people at area nursing homes, hospitals, and other venues. It is a national initiative that started at Yeshiva University, and is now active at more than 15 schools worldwide.

Jewish Perspectives on Globalization provides a forum for students to explore global issues through a Jewish lens. Students develop programming to raise awareness around social responsibility, environmental awareness and being a global citizen.

The Jewish Detroit Initiative (JDI) is a student group that engages U-M students with Detroit through social action, education, recreation, and dialogue with city residents.

We Support Detroit Schools (WSDS) seeks to connect public schools with the resources and services they need to provide enrichment programs for students and parents. WSDS participants develop skills in helping partner schools build strong, long lasting relationships and engaging in dialogue that promotes cooperation within diverse communities.

Hayerukim (Hebrew for "The Greens") provides a forum for students to engage in environmental activism from a Jewish perspective and the opportunity to help create a more sustainable Hillel, university and world.

Makom facilitates a series Jewish dialogues to bring together diverse Jewish students to explore various contentious issues that impact American Jews. Makom is a partnership venture with the Program on Intergroup Relations.

Health and Wellness is a group focused on healthy living, fitness and overall wellness. The group coordinates Hillel's yoga classes (twice weekly) and organizes and co-sponsors events that promote a healthy lifestyle.

Shmooze is a Jewish cultural organization whose goal is to spread Jewish culture throughout Hillel and the university community through cultural events like the Kugel Cook-off and M-Shvitz that meets weekly to shmooze in the men's sauna.

Maize & Blue Games is a community service group designed to help support Detroit inner city youth sports programs for underprivileged youth by raising money through Michigan students' participation in Intramural and other sports activities.

Michigan Mensch provides mentorship and guidance for incoming Wolverines. Freshmen are paired with upperclassmen Mensches and get together once a month to chat over coffee on Hillel.

Hillel's ARTs group (HARTS) creates community and programming for students with an interest in the arts. Students come together to learn new skills and techniques and share their artistic work building up to a student exhibit.

Krav Maga – students come to Hillel for a taste of Israeli culture by learning effective Israeli self-defense techniques from a professional Krav Maga instructor.

JEngA is Hillel's Jewish Engineering Students Association, planning social and cultural events for Jewish engineers.

Hillel Outdoor Adventure was started by students who express their Jewish identity by being in nature and the great out-

doors. The group is inspired by Scouts and the Jewish value of bal tashchit, meaning "do not destroy," a guiding value for Jewish environmentalism and sustainable living. Outdoor Adventure enjoys camping, hiking, skiing, and snowboarding.

MEDx (Medical Exposure) - MEDx was formed out of the shared interests of students who participated in a summer ambulance volunteer program in Israel with Magen David Adom (Red Star of David, Israel's Red Cross). MEDx seeks to raise awareness about emergency preparedness on campus as well learning about the field of medicine and supporting the overall health of the community.

JEWSIC – Hillel's music program provides a forum for musical students to come together to jam and share music in monthly sessions. All levels are welcome. U-M Hillel also has a jazz and klezmer band that plays on campus and in the community.

FYSH – First Year Students of Hillel – and the residence student outreach committee organize social programming targeted at freshmen to help students meet and develop new friends in Hillel. These groups help foster community in residences on both North and Central Campuses.

Hillel is home to **Will Work for Food (WWFF)**, an independent student group that encourages students to partake in a community effort and get sponsored by their family and friends with a donation to WWFF. All money raised through these sponsored work efforts will go directly to alleviate child malnutrition in Darfur through Doctors Without Borders. For more information, visit www.willworkforfood.org.

Engagement & Entrepreneurship Internship - jNET (the Jewish Network) is an engagement and entrepreneurship internship for people who have a desire to create new and different ways to define or access Jewish life at Michigan. Interns participate in ongoing professional development and skill building in areas of social networking theory, community organizing and entrepreneurship.

U-M Hillel is also a partner to and/or supporter of **TEDxUofM, Dance Marathon, Go Blue Wear Pink, Art Out Loud, Prisoner Creative Arts Project, K-Grams, Relay for Life, crowd313, and MUSIC Matters** and encouraging student involvement in these volunteer and fundraising initiatives.

U-M JEAN AND SAMUEL FRANKEL CENTER FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

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Since 1970, Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan has thrived as an interdisciplinary endeavor drawing on the rich resources of a diverse faculty, educating undergraduate and graduate students, and engaging the community. The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies has become an international leader with faculty integrated in top-tier departments throughout the University of Michigan's

Ann Arbor campus. The Center offers students opportunities for in-depth study of modern Jewish literatures and cultures, Hebrew and Yiddish languages, rabbinic law, politics, and Jewish history from the ancient to modern eras. Students benefit from the academic excellence of faculty, with strengths extending from the study of ancient Jewish law to the role of Yiddish in the modern world.

The inauguration of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies in 2007 has made the University of Michigan a premier site for Judaic Studies in the United States. Each year, the Institute brings a group of the world's leading scholars from a variety of disciplines to Ann Arbor. While at Michigan, these Institute fellows share their research with the local community through public presentations and lectures.

The Frankel Center also sponsors lectures, conferences, exhibits, and other events throughout the academic year, including two high-profile annual programs: the Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture in Judaic Studies and the David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs. All events are free and open to the public.

U-M JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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A collaborative effort of the University of Michigan School of Social Work and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, the Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) offers a distinctive educational opportunity for emerging leaders committed to helping Jewish communities meet 21st century challenges while also addressing broader social concerns.

The program combines academic study in Judaic studies and social work, experiential training in non-profit management, and hands-on engagement with contemporary communal challenges, such as youth engagement, elderly services, Jewish education, differing viewpoints on Israel, and the future of American Jewish identity. Students pursue field placements with local agencies including the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. There are also opportunities available nationally and around the world.

Hailing from across the United States, JCLP students become active members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community. Every year, the program sponsors public events such as film screenings, lectures by nationally known Jewish leaders and thinkers and community gatherings. Every year, JCLP's graduating students convene the "JCLP Communal Conversation," inviting members of the University and local communities to join with thinkers, activists, and each other in considering issues of central import to Jewish community, at the intersection of communal inquiry and communal concern.

For more information on upcoming events, current students, alumni, admissions, and financial aid, please refer to program website.

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ADULT HEBREW CLASSES CO-SPONSORED BY BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION AND TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth offer adult Hebrew classes which are open to anyone in the community regardless of synagogue affiliation.

Three tracks of Hebrew are offered: courses for Beginners, courses which focus on Conversational Hebrew and courses which focus on Biblical Hebrew. The 12 week fall session begins in September and a second 12 week session begins in January. Tuition for each semester is $180 for members of TBE or BIC, and $200 for non-members. Please contact Beth Israel or Temple Beth Emeth for a schedule of class times, and to sign up for a class. Students who are unsure of their level can call Cindy Saper, Director of Education in September for assistance in determining the appropriate class, for either site.

The adult classes are taught by two veteran Hebrew instructors, Malli Holoshitz and Pauli Weizman. Malli is a native Israeli who has taught Hebrew for many years; she is noted for her lively and animated teaching style. She earned a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Michigan, and serves as the Head of the Hebrew Department at the Frankel Jewish Academy of Metro Detroit. Malli has taught at the School of Education at Eastern Michigan University, as well as at the University of Michigan, where she received an "Excellence in Education" award.

Pauli has been teaching Hebrew at the University of Michigan since 1987, and is the proud recipient of an "Excellence in Education" award by the Department of Near Eastern Studies. She is a native Israeli and has earned two Master's degrees — one in Teaching English as a Second Language and the other in Social Work; she also has a Bachelor's degree in Hebrew Linguistics.

BETH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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HEBREW SCHOOL AT CHABAD OF ANN ARBOR

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Discover the richness of Jewish Heritage and Culture in an exciting and fun environment. Students learn to read and write Hebrew, and are exposed to Jewish tradition and history through CapIt reading program Hands-On Holiday Workshops, Theater, Culinary Arts, School Wide Activities, Field Trips and more. Classes for children in grades kindergarten –-7th grade meet every Sunday at the Chabad House.

HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

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Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor (HDS) is a K-5, Jewish, private elementary school. HDS provides a rich curriculum, a nurturing community, and an expert faculty. Through individualized instruction,

advantageous teacher-to-student ratios, and attentive support systems in both Hebrew and general studies, the school is committed to instilling a love of learning. HDS offers a kindergarten with a young fives component, a multiage first and second grade class, a multiage third and fourth grade class, and a fifth grade class.

Starting in kindergarten, children are given the essential building blocks to secure their identities as members of a community, as Jews, and as life-long learners. We provide an environment for the healthy social and emotional development of our students while cementing a strong foundation for excellence in academic learning.

Established in 1974, HDS offers an academically challenging education with exceptional general studies and Hebrew and Judaic studies programs built into every academic day. The whole child is nourished and the mind is stimulated through a balance of learning opportunities including art, vocal and instrumental music, technology, library and physical education.

HDS families represent a wide variety of religious backgrounds and practice. Students learn to embrace and expect diversity. A rich Jewish and American heritage is experienced through plays, musical productions, and joyous holiday celebrations. HDS graduates are academically skilled, confident in their talents, grounded in their identities, and poised to contribute to the world.

JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

See Congregations, Jewish Cultural Society

JLI - JEWISH LEARNING INSTITUTE

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Presented in synchrony in 350 cities nationwide and around the world, Jewish Learning Institute classes are presented locally by specially trained educators, including Ann Arbor Chabad House Rabbi Aharon Goldstein. Since its inception in 1998, JLI programs have been attended by nearly 40,000 people, and hundreds of thousands of others join in electronically through JLI on-line message boards and Internet based channels.

KESHET ANN ARBOR

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Keshet is an academic program for high school student, offering the opportunity to take Hebrew classes to fulfill the Foreign Language requirement, and receive high school credit as if it was any other high school class at their school. At Keshet, students meet twice a week for a total of four hours and study Modern Hebrew with professional language instructors, some of which are also U-M lecturers. Classes are small, allowing teachers to focus on their students' progress and lessons are dynamic and communicative.

As with other academic high school courses, students are expected to complete homework, take exams, and prepare class presentations. Attendance and participation are key. Class material is level appropriate and naturally contains cultural components such as Israeli movies, songs, newspapers and more, to make the language learning experience wholesome and well rounded. Keshet offers four levels of Hebrew, from beginners to advanced, and students come from all walks of the Ann Arbor community.

Not all Keshet students take it for credit; some are there for their love of the language and their sincere interest in learning how to communicate in Hebrew. These driven teens are an integral part of classes; they attend regularly, take the exams and participate in other Keshet activities. Keshet is proud to have such motivated students and to be a part of their busy schedules.

Keshet is recognized by the Ann Arbor Public School Community Resource (CR) department, a unique system that lets high school students take a class not offered in their school, and get credit for it. Keshet fulfills CR requirements and maintains close contact with the CR monitor throughout the year.

All classes meet on Monday nights (6:30–8:30 pm), while the other meeting day is determined in September by each teacher and their students. Monday night is pizza night, and students are invited to come earlier (6 p.m.) and enjoy social time with their peers. Keshet follows the Ann Arbor Public Schools calendar and the Jewish calendar, and commemorates major Israeli events such as Yitzhak Rabin's Memorial Day, Israel's Independence Day, and more.

Classrooms for Keshet are provided by both Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth; Keshet thankfully acknowledges the educational cooperation and support of these two synagogues and their educational directors. Keshet is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation, and supported by donations from parents, as well as by gifts from generous members in the community who care about quality Hebrew instruction. Co-sponsors include Beth Israel Religious School and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

See Congregations, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation

TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Terri Ginsburg, director

Temple Beth Emeth strives to educate its students to become proficient in the skills needed to be life-long Jewish learners. TBE believes that this is best accomplished within the framework of a vibrant Jewish community. TBE provides students with a curriculum based on Reform Jewish educational philosophy in a manner that is creative, engaging and intellectually stimulating. TBE employs high-quality teachers who are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and committed to Judaism. TBE involves the families of its students in a variety of exciting family education programs.

The Religious and Hebrew School programs serve students from preschool age through grade 12. The curriculum includes studies in areas such as customs and traditions, Torah, holidays, life cycle, prayer, music, history, theology, Israel, immigration, comparative Judaism, the Holocaust and Jewish ethics. The curriculum is based upon recommendations from the Union of Reform Judaism. There are 317 students enrolled in the school.

LOWER GRADES

Religious School for preschool-5th grade students is held Saturday mornings in two sessions: 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and are filled with singing, Israeli dance, stories, the study of Jewish history, Torah, Israel, mitzvot, ethics and holidays. Each grade has a different focus and the approach is an hands-on one where students are guided by teachers who are knowledgeable and have a love of Judaism.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

A monthly parent-child class focusing on Jewish holidays and home rituals is available for three-year-olds. There are family social and educational programs for each grade level. We offer parenting workshops on a variety of topics throughout the year. A Jewish artist is invited to perform for students and their families each year. On Shabbat morning there is an adult Torah study session, followed by services in the chapel, during the first session of Religious School. These activities help to develop a sense of community and encourage parents to continue their own educational growth.

HEBREW

Students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet in second grade, and formal Hebrew School begins in third grade and continues through sixth grade. The Hebrew program focuses on Hebrew reading skills and an understanding of the meaning and structure of the prayers. Students are introduced to conversational Hebrew and grammar. TBE offers Conversational Hebrew in 8th grade and many of TBE's high school students study Conversational Hebrew through Keshet, the Community Resource Hebrew Program sponsored by TBE and the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH TRAINING

Cantor Hayut supervises the b'nai mitzvah training program. Students work with private tutors and meet with the cantor at the end of each aliyah. The rabbis also meet with students to work on their drash/speech.

MUSIC

Students enjoy a strong Jewish music program, led by experienced song leaders as part of the weekly Saturday morning program. Cantor Hayut leads a Youth Choir for students in grades 3–5 and Shir Chadash, vocal and instrumental groups for middle and high school students. These musical groups are very popular and meet at times that are coordinated with Hebrew and Religious School sessions. The students have a variety of opportunities to perform throughout the year.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sixth through 12th grades have class on Sunday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. The 150 students participating in this program enjoy sharing pizza and social time before the formal class session begins. 7th graders study mitzvot and participate in a variety of social action projects. The 8th grade class, which studies modern Jewish history, ends their year with a trip to New York City to visit the sites that they studied and experience NYC with their TBE friends. 10th graders also get a field trip to Washington DC with L'taken, a Jewish Social Justice Center. The 10th grade Confirmation class is taught by Rabbi Levy and culminates in a beautiful Shabbat service which is written and led by the students. Eleventh and twelfth grade seminar options include courses such as "Jews on the Edge," "Repair the World: Being the Change" and "Jewish Identity and Literature."

MADRICHIM PROGRAM

Ninth grade students participate in a year-long training program, which prepares them for working as a madrich/a (classroom aide). Students in grades

10–12 work as office or classroom aides. Forty-eight madrichim worked in the classrooms last year, served as positive role models for the younger students and added a wonderful energy to the school.

ADVANCED HEBREW STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are able to receive public school credit (through the Community Resource program) for studying Hebrew language. There were 7 students involved in the Keshet Hebrew CR program last year.

T.E.A.C.H. (TORAH EDUCATION AT CHABAD HOUSE)

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Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein

Classes offered at Chabad House cover the spectrum from basic Hebrew reading and Talmud study groups to Chassidic and Jewish mysticism. All classes are open to all Jews, regardless of their affiliation or background. An extensive library is available with classic and modern references to complement what is taught. The current class list includes: basic Hebrew reading (individual or small group instruction), prayers and their meanings, the Jewish way of prayer and the organization of the siddur (prayer book), Talmud, Chumash (the Five Books of Moses), Rashi (the 12th-century Torah commentator), Chassidic Jewish mysticism and its application to daily Jewish life in the 20th century, The Ethics of Our Fathers, The Shulchan Aruch, and Halachah (code of Jewish law).

Chabad House offers pre-bar/bat mitzvah classes for children ages 10–13. Students preparing for bar or bat mitzvah receive instruction from Rabbi Zalman or Shternie Zweibel. Private tutorial classes are offered to adults to learn specific areas of Torah.

JUDAIC CLASSICS LIBRARY AND BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY GLOBAL JEWISH DATABASE (RESPONSA PROJECT)

Chabad House, 715 Hill Street 48104
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Chabad House provides access to these two milestones in computerized Judaic reference and text tools on CD-ROM. The Library answers questions about the

Tanach (Five Books of Moses, Prophets and Scriptures), the Babylonian Talmud and Rashis commentaries on the Talmud and the Torah. The Global Jewish Database Project includes texts such as the Jerusalem Bible, Maimonides, the Code of Jewish Law and 253 books of Responsa (rabbinic commentaries and answers to inquiries).

T.E.P. (TORAH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM)

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Esther Goldstein, director

The program for youth 5–14 years old, explores Jewish values, customs and texts. The children learn Hebrew reading and writing, the core prayers of Jewish tradition, and study Jewish holidays and history. Advanced students also study the Torah commentary of Rashi, one of Judaism's greatest teachers.

The goal of TEP is not only to teach Hebrew as a language, but also to teach what's behind the language and the joy of Judaism. Three levels are offered: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Classes meet on Sundays and Wednesdays.

JEWISH EDUCATORS COUNCIL OF ANN ARBOR

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Cindy Saper, chair

The Jewish Educators Council provides Ann Arbor Jewish Educational Leaders with opportunities to discuss issues of mutual concern, develop additional professional skills and knowledge in areas of Jewish education and collaborate on programming options for teachers and students. The council consists of the directors of Beth Israel Congregation Religious School, Ann Arbor Chabad, the Hebrew Day School, the JCC Early Childhood Center, the Jewish Cultural School, the Reconstructionist Havurah, Keshet Ann Arbor and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

The Council sponsors opportunities for teacher training on the local level during the school year. It brings in one nationally known scholar-in-residence who leads a teacher workshop and spends time in each school working with students and one conference featuring local educational experts. The Jewish Educators Council is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and participating organizations.

youth activities

BETH ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAMS

See Congregations, Beth Israel Congregation

CAMP GAN ISRAEL

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Shternie Zwiebel, director

Camp Gan Israel is a summer camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a stimulating day camp experience. C.G.I. of Ann Arbor is part of the largest and fastest growing network of day camps, enjoying a reputation as a pioneer in Jewish camping, with innovative ideas and creative activities, to both provide enjoyment and inspire children to try new and exciting things.

Camp Gan Israel was created to provide children with a fun and meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually and socially in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, field trips, special programs and activities designed to be educational, fun and conducive to building character and nurturing friendships.

Camp Gan Israel is for children ages 4–13 with four divisions:

1. Mini Gan Izzy for ages 4–5 years
2. Junior Division for kids entering 1st–2nd grade
3. Sabra for kids entering 3rd–4th grade
4. Pioneer for kids entering 5th–8th grade

The program includes field trips to many places in Southeast Michigan; three-times-a-week swimming; and three-times-a-week "icamp," an innovative program where the campers can choose their activities, such as: dance, woodworking, art, tennis, a science program, gymnastics, music, jewelry making, cooking, origami, martial arts, yoga, chess, nature, and other sports. Every Friday there is a Shabbat celebration which includes a Shabbat party and challah baking.

Camp Gan Israel's Judaic programming is designed to instill campers with a love for Judaism and pride in their Jewish identity. The camp Judaic experience is comprised of engaging activities, hands-on projects, stories, songs and crafts. Camp is filled with programming that teaches children positive values and character traits, taught in a fun, exciting way.

There is a camp theme each year on which all activities center, and it is emphasized that every child, irrespective of their level of Jewish observance, becomes a part of the Gan Israel family.

Camp Gan Israel is fully licensed by the State of Michigan. It is located at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett Road. Camp Gan Israel runs for seven weeks during the summer.

GAN YELADIM ENRICHMENT

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Gan Yeladim, for children ages 2–5 years, meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1–4 p.m. At Gan Yeladim each child is encouraged to make choices with respect towards him/herself, others and his/her surroundings.

Group leaders seek to nourish each child's heart and mind as their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills are developed, so that each child will be a well-rounded person capable of solving problems and adapting to new situations. Children are educated in a creative, supportive, and warm Jewish environment, so that each child will learn about life as a Jew.

Gan Yeladim Playgroup seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for each and every child. Group leaders are devoted to helping children learn socialization skills, building their self-confidence and teaching them the about Jewish values and rituals through songs, stories and arts and crafts. In addition, they seek to ignite a spark in each child to lay claim to his Jewish heritage and commit him or her to a lifetime passion for Jewish learning.

HABONIM DROR CAMP TAVOR

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Habonim Dror Camp Tavor, located in southwest Michigan on 69 acres of rolling hills, has created life-changing summers for Jewish children and teens from around the country for 60 years! Camp Tavor takes pride in providing a non-denominational Jewish overnight camp experience focused on leadership, social action, stewarding the environment, and connecting to Israel. We offer programs for boys and girls entering grades 4–12. Session lengths range from one to seven weeks.

Camp Tavor is excited to celebrate its 60th Anniversary this year. Contact Camp Tavor to stay updated on the reunion being held in June 2016.

The local Habonim Dror youth group, Ken Pardes, offers Jewish cultural activities, homework help, and social programming for all Jewish kids ages 8–18. Events are held near the University of Michigan campus. All Habonim Dror programming is designed to help develop Jewish identity while creating a meaningful youth community

HURON HIGH SCHOOL JEWISH STUDENT UNION

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Adam Brodke, president

After three successful years, the Huron JSU has worked with many local organizations, including Alpha House, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and Celebrate Israel to name a few. This year, JSU hopes to get even more involved with the Jewish community and offer more volunteer opportunities for JSU members.

JCC YOUTH PROGRAMMING, MACCABI YOUTH GAMES, CAMP RAANANA

See Community Organizations, Jewish Community Center

YOUNG JUDAEA

email: info@youngjudaea.org

Young Judaea is the peer-led, Zionist youth movement of Hadassah that aims to provide a positive Jewish experience through hands-on learning and fun. There are three divisions: Ofarim (grades 3–5), Tsofim (grades 6–7) and Bogrim (grades 8–12). In Ann Arbor, meetings are held at the JCC or in members' homes. Regional conventions for all levels are held during the school year. Summer programs include: Camp Young Judaea in Waupaca, Wisconsin, for grades 3–9; Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, New York, for grades 9–12; and summer programs in Israel for high schoolers. There are also programs in Israel for high school graduates, college juniors and young adults.

TBE YOUTH GROUPS

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Ann Arbor Temple Youth (AARTY) is a youth group for Jewish high school students. The AARTY board plans a wide range of events including religious, cultural, social action, social events, and opportunities for Jewish learning outside of the classroom. Religious events include planning their own High Holiday and Shabbat services. Social action opportunities include organizing TBE's annual High Holiday Food Drive, participating in the Trick-or-Can Drive on Halloween, baking and selling cookies to raise money for local non-profits, and volunteering at Mitzvah Day and local non-profits. Affiliated with the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), AARTY participants have the opportunity to attend several regional events where they can learn and socialize with Jewish youth from around Michigan

KADIMA—MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle school students meet on a monthly basis for programs in the social action, religious, cultural and social areas. Kadima members meet with their advisor to design and plan their programs. Activities include joint programming with other middle school-age youth groups from Reform temples in the region. Recent programs have included a shul-in, visits to area attractions, holiday services and retreats.

RISHONIM—3RD–5TH GRADERS

Rishonim events occur monthly to give 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders an opportunity to socialize in a setting outside of religious school. Events include holiday celebrations and other social activities such as ice skating and trampoline jumping.

detroit agencies

FEDERATION ALLIANCE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

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website: www.jewishdetroit.org/alliance

The Jewish community's central educational resource, the Alliance for Jewish Education, provides an array of services that enhance Jewish knowledge, identity and pride. The Alliance provides a support system for all.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

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Robert Cohen, executive director

The Jewish Community Relations Council links the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. It unifies and mobilizes the community around high-priority domestic and international concerns and deals with public officials and the media on major issues.

HEBREW FREE LOAN DETROIT

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An interest-free micro-lender issuing loans to individuals and families in the Jewish community in times of need, to students for educational needs, and to businesses looking to establish or expand in the metropolitan Detroit area. Funded by the Jewish community through direct contributions to the agency, money is available for a wide variety of purposes, including funds targeted toward specific populations, such as women or seniors.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

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Eugene & Marcia Applebaum
Jewish Community Campus
6600 West Maple Road
West Bloomfield 48322
tel: (248) 661-1000

Jimmy Prentis Morris Building
15110 West Ten Mile Road
Oak Park, Michigan 48237
tel: (248) 967-4030
website: jccdet.org

The Jewish Community Centers of Metropolitan Detroit strive to enrich lives by conveying the importance of personal identity, social values and well-being within the Jewish and general community. This is accomplished through the offering of educational, cultural and recreational programs which strengthen the body and mind.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CENTER

28123 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills 48334
tel: (248) 553-2400
website: www.holocaustcenter.org

The Holocaust Memorial Center documents the history of the Holocaust and highlights the rich culture of a people that wasdestroyed. The museum is comprised of three parts: the Museum of European Jewish History, Holocaust, and the International Institute of the Righteous. The Center's research wing includes the Holocaust Memorial Center Library and the John J. Mames Oral History Collection.

ISRAEL BONDS

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Conceived by David Ben-Gurion as a means of sustaining Israel's economy in the aftermath of the War of Independence, the Israel Bonds organization has become the foundation upon which the modern Jewish state was built. To date, the organization has secured more than $50 billion in capital, helping to build every facet of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. The proceeds from Israel Bonds have also played a major role in absorbing the more than one million Jews who emigrated from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and elsewhere over

the past decade. The Bonds organization offers a wide choice of securities that are suitable for many investment needs, including IRAs and other retirement plans, college education funds, foundation endowments and family and charitable gift-giving.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

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JFS specializes in individual, group and family treatment provided in a confidential setting. Services also include programs for seniors and New Americans, an addiction recovery program, crisis support, domestic violence intervention and preventionprograms, and adoption services.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

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The Federation, the central communal organization of the metropolitan Detroit Jewish community, plays a leadership role in identifying the needs of that community in partnership with its agencies. It mobilizes human and financial resources, engages in communal planning and allocation and advocates meeting the needs of families and individuals. The Federation seeks to further the relationship between the Jewish community and the community at large in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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The Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) provides a comprehensive and integrated vocational service program, including job placement, career and educational counseling, rehabilitation services and assistance in securing funding for education. Additionally, JVS provides specialized services for senior adults, including adult day care, and outreach for those isolated from the community.

Keeping Kosher in Ann Arbor

by Marcie Greenfield

Keeping Kosher in Washtenaw County gets easier and easier . Kroger in Arborland and Trader Joe's are your best bets for a wide variety of kosher products and fresh kosher meat. Whole Foods, Lucky's, People's Food Co-op, Arbor Farms, Busch's, Plum Market and Costco add to the abundance of vegetarian and kosher foods available locally. You can also find kosher wines at many of these stores, as well as Stadium Market, Morgan and York and A&L Wine Castle.

The Kroger at Arborland has the largest selection of Kosher products, with dedicated kosher sections in the grocery, frozen and refrigerated aisles. They offer fresh and frozen kosher beef, chicken and turkey, and a small selection of kosher cold cuts that they slice on a dedicated machine only used for kosher meat. They also have the most choices at Passover. Ask at the service desk if you don't see what you want because they may be able to order it.

Trader Joe's has a printed list of kosher products sold there (including a list with details about the kosher symbols on their packages). You can get the list at the store or on their website (traderjoes.com). They usually stock most kosher fresh chicken options, turkey breast and ground turkey, ribeye steak, brisket and ground beef.

Costco's selection of Kosher products is always changing, and there are many Kosher certified products sold there. The Ann Arbor Costco does not usually carry fresh kosher products. The Costco in Commerce or Bloomfied Hills might have more choices. Check with the stores.

Most restaurants in Washtenaw County offer vegetarian and vegan options. Seva has been a strictly vegetarian restaurant since 1973. Downtown Ann Arbor is Earthern Jar, a vegetarian and vegan Indian food buffet that is certified Kosher by Kosher Michigan. Hut-k Chaat has a food cart at Mark's Carts (211 W. Washington), and an additional eat-in location on Packard near Platt, and is all vegetarian. A former food cart, The Lunch Room, is now a vegan restaurant in Kerrytown.

The University of Michigan Hillel, located at 1429 Hill Street, offers freshly-cooked kosher meals available to students and the community, under the supervision of Rabbi Rod Glogower of the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan. The daily-changing, seasonal menu is served at lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday, and updated daily at www.michiganhillel.org. Call 769-0500 with questions or to place carry-out orders.

The Ann Arbor Chabad House provides classes and assistance to community members who are interested in kashering their kitchen and keeping kosher. Call 995-3276 for details. Delivery from several kosher restaurants, carryout places and bakeries

located in Detroit area can be arranged through the Chabad House for a fee.

About 45 minutes away in West Bloomfield is a full-service kosher butcher, Harvard Row Kosher Meat, which also carries delicious homemade foods prepared on site. The area's largest all-Kosher grocery store, One Stop Kosher in Southfield, stocks fresh produce, fresh and frozen meat, fresh-sliced deli meats, cooked foods and a large selection of wine. Bake Station bakery has a location in Southfield and Farmington Hills, and Zemans New York Bakery is in Oak Park. Kosher Restaurants in the Oak Park/Southfield area include Dave's Gourmet, Kravings, Sara's Deli and Jerusalem Pizza. Chef Cari offers her Kosher prepared foods inside the Farm Fresh Market in Oak Park.

Some useful sites include cordetroit.com, (Rabbinical Council of Detroit) and kosher-michigan.com.

The following Ann Arbor stores offer kosher foods:

- Arbor Farms, 2103 West Stadium Blvd., 734-996-8111
- Costco, 771 Airport Blvd., 734-213-8010
- Kroger, 3615 Washtenaw Ave. (there are other locations, but his one has the most Kosher products), 734-677-2370
- Lucky's, 1919 S. Industrial Hwy, 734-368-9137
- People's Food Coop, 216 North 4th Ave. 734-994-9174
- Plum Market, 375 North Maple Rd. 734-827-5000
- Trader Joe's, 2398 East Stadium Blvd., 734-975-2455
- Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Ave., 734-975-4500 and 990 W. Eisenhower Pkwy, 734-997-7500

The following stores are located in cities about 45 minutes away:

- Bake Station, 30760 Southfield Road, Southfield, 248-723-9000 and 29581 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, 248-626-9000
- Harvard Row Kosher Meat, 6221 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-539-8806
- One Stop Kosher Food Market, 25155 Greenfield Road, Southfield, 248-569-5000
- Zeman's New York Bakery, 25258 Greenfield, Oak Park, 248-967-39052

Kosher eateries in Metro Detroit include:

- Chef Cari Kosher Catering, inside Farm Fresh Market, 13151 West Ten Mile, Oak Park, 248-770-6521
- Dave's Gourmet, (meat), 15280 Lincoln Oak Park, MI 48237, 248--967-5445
- Jerusalem Pizza (dairy), 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield, 248-592-1200 and 26025 Greenfield Road, Southfield, 248-552-0088
- Kravings (meat), 25270 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, 248-967-1161
- Sara's Glatt Kosher Deli and restaurant (meat), 15110 Ten Mile Road, Oak Park, 248-967-8681, inside the Oak Park JCC

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How You and the Federation Make a Difference

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – The Jewish Community Foundation is the planned giving and endowment development arm of the Ann Arbor Jewish community. The Foundation partners with eight area agencies and congregations to ensure the financial future of our Jewish community.

PROGRAMMING – Federation sponsors a variety of programs for all ages and interests in the Jewish community.

ISRAEL PROGRAMS AND TRIPS – Our Student Exchange program offers 9th grade students the opportunity to travel to Moshav Nahalal during the winter and then host the Israeli students the following fall. Our travel opportunities are unlike any other. Contact us for opportunities to explore the past, present and future of Jewish people in Israel and around the world.

SAVING JEWISH LIVES – Funds are delivered to our overseas partners, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel, as well as a number of smaller agencies that help vulnerable Jewish communities around the world.

SUPPORTING JEWISH LIFE – The programs we all know and rely on (Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services, Hebrew Day School, Hillel and Keshet to name just a few) get what they need to continue their great work.

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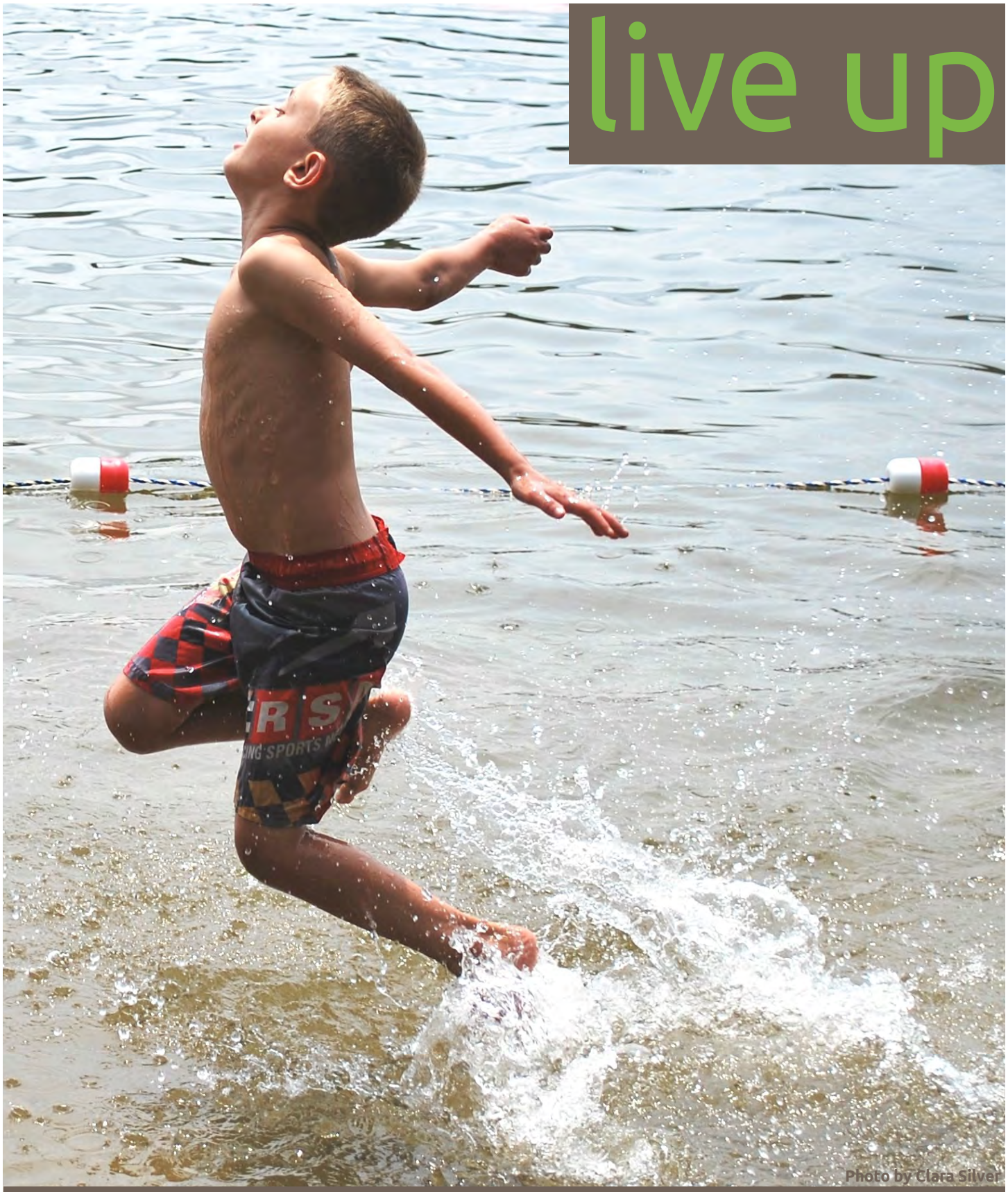

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